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Bayan Muna leader in Camarines Sur arrested by cops

Termination of oil rights upsets foreign investors

MALACAÑANG'S DECISION TO REVOKE A CONtract awarded to a foreign company for oil production in the Philippines has sent a shudder through the heart of the foreign investment community.

President Macapagal-Arroyo has issued Executive Order No. 556 that effectively terminates Malaysia-based Mitra Energy Ltd.'s right to

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Taller people smarter, too, US study claims

NEW YORK—WHILE researchers have long shown that tall people earn more than their shorter counterparts, it's not only social discrimination that accounts for this inequality.

MATANGKAD NA, MALAKI PA KITA!

TALLER/ A12

DOJ likens oil spill to Ultra stampede

Gonzalez: I'm sure of Petron's responsibility

By Leila B. Salaverria
in Manila
and Nestor P. Burgos Jr.
Inquirer Visayas

PETRON CORP. COULD BE legally responsible for the massive oil spill off Guimaras Island that has ravaged marine resources and deprived residents of their livelihood, Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez said yesterday.

"This might be like 'Wowowee'," Gonzalez said, referring to the matter of taking responsibility for the incident.

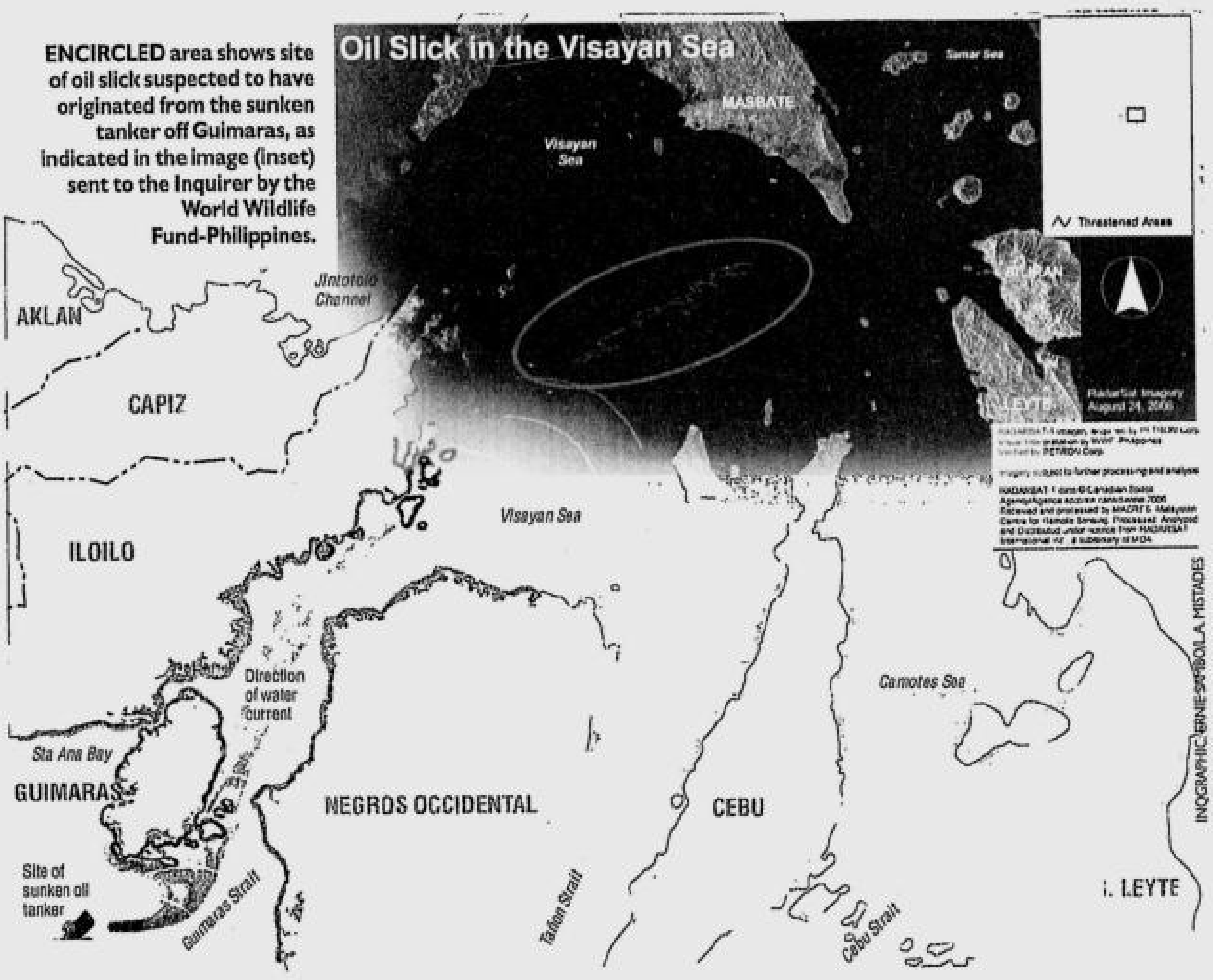
President Macapagal-Arroyo had ordered the Department of Justice to take part in the investigation and find out who was responsible for the spill that has affected 66 sq km of sea and 220 km of coastlines.

A joint Senate-House inquiry is scheduled to open today on the incident, but Defense Secretary Avelino Cruz Jr. has indicated he will not attend the hearing, setting the stage for another clash between the Senate and Malacañang. *(See related story on Page A8).*

Petron chartered the tanker MT Solar I to bring 2 million liters of bunker fuel from Bataan to Zamboanga but it sank in rough seas on Aug. 11, spurting out more than 200,000 liters of oil into the water.

Petron, which is involved in cleanup operations and has sought experts' assistance to help contain the slick, has said that "technically, the liability for the oil spill damage

DOJ LIKENS/ A8



ENCIRCLED area shows site of oil slick suspected to have originated from the sunken tanker off Guimaras, as indicated in the image (inset) sent to the Inquirer by the World Wildlife Fund-Philippines.

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No more oil slick in Visayan Sea —Coast Guard

By Carla P. Gomez
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BACOLOD CITY—AN OIL SLICK CAPtured in a satellite image four days ago has either dispersed or has moved to other parts of the Visayan Sea and the Philippine Coast Guard cannot find it.

Or it may have washed ashore.

The PCG yesterday claimed that there was no oil slick in the Visayan Sea threatening the islands of Masbate, Biliran and Leyte.

Cmdr. Harold Jarder, Iloilo Coast Guard chief, said his men had checked the slick earlier reported by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) but did not find it.

The WWF said in a statement on Saturday that a radar-satellite image it received from the Canadian space agency Radarsat showed an oil slick 50 km in length and 16 sq km in area in the Visayan Sea. *(See related stories in Across the Nation, Page A20.)*

Through an aerial survey conducted on Saturday, Petron Corp., which contracted the tanker that sank on Aug. 11 off Guimaras with 2 million liters of bunker fuel oil, verified the presence of the slick, according to WWF.

But an aerial survey conducted by Petron yesterday showed that the slick had disappeared, WWF Philippines president Lorenzo Tan told the INQUIRER.

The images of the oil slick were taken on Aug. 24 and were received by WWF-Philippines the following day, the WWF statement said.

Oil finger-printing would be necessary

NO MORE/ A8

Why GMA foes failed to topple her: Time for paradigm shift

By Amando Doronila

ANALYSIS

UNLESS ILL-WISHERS OF PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo want to continue being perennial losers, as they did in their ill-fated confrontations with her during the past two years, they have to wake up to the reality that a tectonic shift in political power has taken place.

The gravity of power has moved from Imperial Manila to the provinces.

The shift is so profound, and yet very few have recognized it, despite mounting evidence heralding it since the 2004 election.

The first evidence emerged from the results of that balloting. Further evidence was provided by the outcome of a series of events—the failure of two impeachment attempts, of several coup attempts, and of repeated calls for people power.

All these actions were based on the perceived conventional wisdom that the configuration of forces in Imperial Manila decides the outcome of political struggle—either electoral or extra-electoral.

The 2004 election results and the failed showdowns of the past two years have proved this sacrosanct Manila-centric assumption wrong.

It might injure the pride of regime opponents to be told the unpalatable truth that first, I hate to say it, they not only have failed to notice this shift of the foundation of power, and second, much to their grief, Ms Arroyo has recognized this shift.

She has used it to her advantage as the basis of a strategy that enabled her to win the 2004 election and beat back two impeachment complaints, coup attempts and people power calls.

Recognition of this shift is the key to removing Ms Arroyo from power, especially in view of the crucial mid-term election in 2007.

It perforce requires that her opponents recast their political strategies—or undertake a paradigm change, as some academics would call it—that have so far led to shattering defeats in all the confrontations with her, including legal and constitutional (impeachment), and extraconstitutional (numerous coup attempts) and calls for people power.

WHY GMA/ A12

NURSING LEAK

GMA dentist won't quit as PRC chair

By Alcuin Papa

THE LEAK IN THE LAST NURSing board exams may be a more intractable problem for Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) Chair Leonor Tripon-Rosero than any toothache she has had to deal with in her nearly 40 years as a dentist.

But Rosero, in charge of the most important set of pearly whites in the country—those of President Macapagal-Arroyo—is not about to give up.

As the controversy over the leakage in the exams continued to rage, Ms Arroyo's personal dentist rejected calls for her to resign as PRC chief, saying she would not allow herself to be pressured out of her job.

Rosero sat down with reporters late last week to answer allegations that she was "untouchable" because of her close links to the President.

"This is my job where I really have to do my best and I don't want to be pressured by any group," she said. "As long as I feel I am fit for this position, I will do my very best."

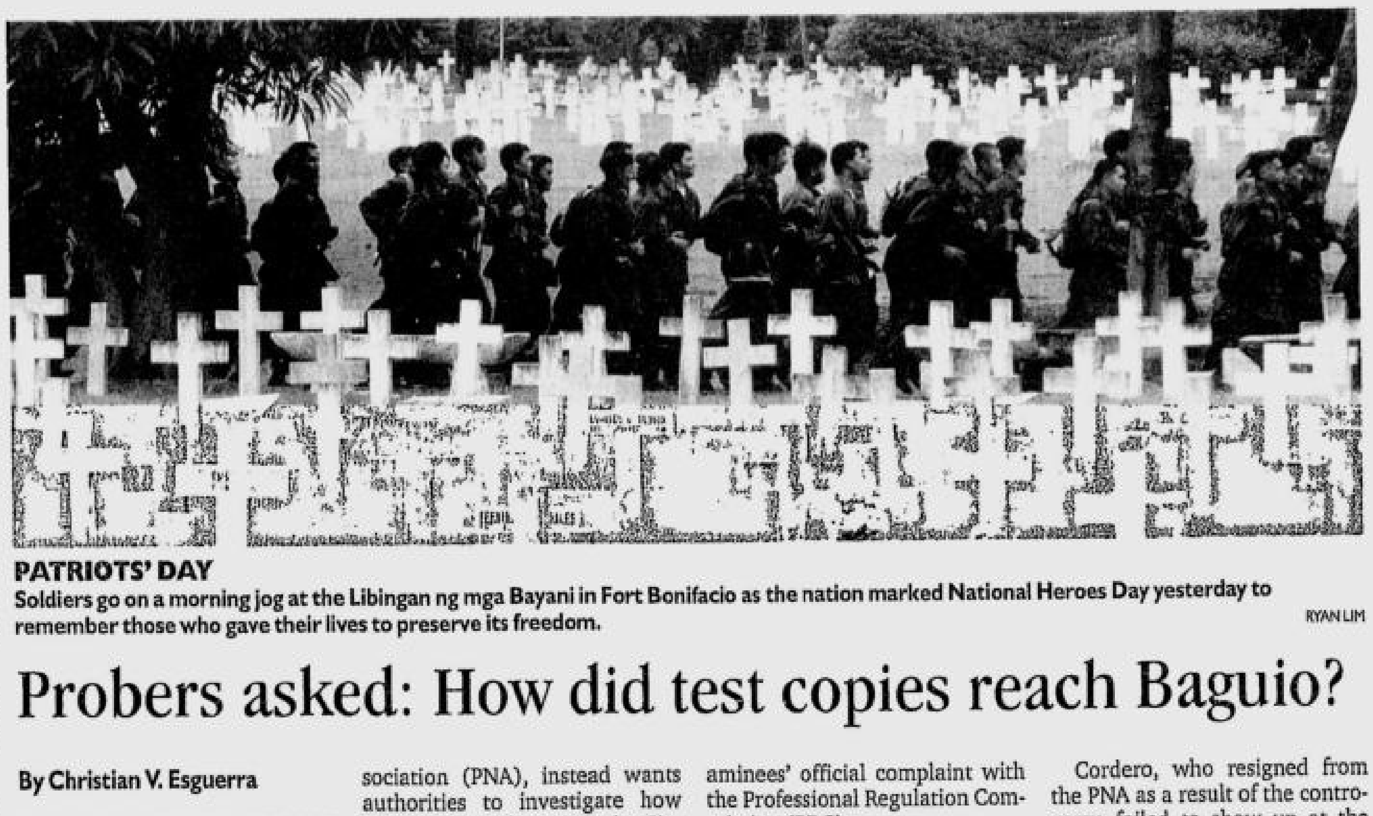
Rosero was appointed a board examiner for dentistry in 2002. The next year, she was appointed PRC commissioner. In January 2005, she was promoted to her current job of chair.

Rosero insisted that her qualifications alone, and not her close ties with Ms Arroyo, propelled her to her post.

"I am qualified for this position. That's why she saw me in the best position to be appointed here," she said.

Rejecting calls for her to step down, Rosero said: "I don't

GMA DENTIST/ A9



PATRIOTS' DAY
Soldiers go on a morning jog at the Libingan ng mga Bayani in Fort Bonifacio as the nation marked National Heroes Day yesterday to remember those who gave their lives to preserve its freedom.

RYAN LIM

Probers asked: How did test copies reach Baguio?

By Christian V. Esguerra

THE MAN ACCUSED OF MASterminding the nursing exam leakage has turned the tables on his accusers.

George Cordero, former president of the Philippine Nurses Association (PNA), instead wants authorities to investigate how complainants from Baguio City got their copies of the actual 500-item test taken by about 42,000 examinees on June 11-12.

Cordero noted that these copies were attached to the examinees' official complaint with the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC).

"The ones complaining are also the ones with copies of the leakage and they're also the top performers in the board exams," he told the INQUIRER in an interview.

Cordero, who resigned from the PNA as a result of the controversy, failed to show up at the Senate investigation on the leakage more than a week ago.

"If there's someone who should be pinned down, it should

PROBERS/ A17

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Luzon and Western Visayas will experience cloudy skies with rainshowers and thunderstorms becoming frequent rains over western section of Southern Luzon and Western Visayas. The rest of the country will have mostly cloudy with skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms

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Metro Manila	Rains	Iloilo/Bacolod	Rains
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Tuguegarao	Cloudy with Rains	Cebu	Cloudy with Rains
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Legazpi	Cloudy with Rains	Cagayan de Oro	Cloudy with Rains
Calapan	Rains	Davao	Cloudy with Rains

Cha-cha won't cut GMA term—Palace

By Christine O. Avendaño and TJ Burgonio

AMID THE MOUNTING CLAMOR AGAINST Charter change, Malacañang yesterday insisted any changes in the Constitution would not affect President Macapagal-Arroyo's stay in office.

"Contrary to her detractors' claims, the President's political fortunes are not tied to Charter change. She will just serve out her term till 2010, for which she has been duly elected," Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said.

There had been calls earlier for the President to cut short her term in the event Charter change succeeded and a parliamentary government was put in place.

The Commission on Elections is about to determine the fate of the petition filed by the Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines (Ulap) and Sigaw ng Bayan to amend the Constitution through a people's initiative.

But the petition is set to be challenged by the multisectoral group One Voice which is opposing any move to amend the Charter.

Bunye, however, said that Malacañang expected the issue to be "legally joined" and while it was for Charter change like the people, "we leave it to our constitutionally-mandated institutions to determine how these changes would be pursued in the public interest."

"The President has repeatedly expressed that her utmost and urgent concern is to fix the flaws in our degenerated system, but she shall always follow the rule of law," he said in his "View from the Palace" column.

"What happens next is for the Supreme Court and eventually the people to decide."

In 1997, the Supreme Court threw out a similar bid to amend the Charter for lack of an enabling law.

Comelec Chair Benjamin Abalos Sr. said on Saturday the body would be guided by the 1997 SC ruling declaring as inadequate the 1989 Initiative and Referendum Act to cover a people's initiative and enjoining the body from entertaining any petition for amendment.

He, however, said the petition would be endorsed to the body's legal department for verification and then sent to the Comelec en banc for disposal.

But despite assurances by the Comelec that it would be guided by the 1997 Supreme Court ruling, One Voice isn't taking any chances.

The nonpartisan multisectoral movement will file with the Comelec today its opposition to the petition filed by Ulap and the Sigaw ng Bayan.

"We will ask the Comelec to dismiss the petition. The Comelec should dismiss it because it suffers from so many legal infirmities," One Voice convenor Rene Azurin said in an interview.

Azurin, a University of the Philippines professor, noted that the petition was signed by Ulap president and Bohol Gov. Eric Aumentado, proof that this was initiated by the government, and not by the people.

"This is supposed to be a people's initiative, not a government initiative. The signature of Aumentado confirms Ulap is really behind this, and belies the particular claim that this was a people's initiative," he said in a phone interview.

After months of gathering signatures in the countryside and despite warnings by legal experts about its legal and constitutional infirmities, Ulap and Sigaw ng Bayan filed on Friday their petition which would seek to change the form of government to a parliamentary-unicameral system.

One Voice will also ask the Comelec to clarify the process by "which it's going to act on the petition," Azurin said.

"Under the rules, the petition should be signed in signing stations of the Comelec, with the voter being observed by an election officer. It's like in voting. But since the petition wasn't done that way, how is Comelec going to authenticate the signatures?" he said.

Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr. said there was no need yet for the Senate to block the petition for now, saying the burden of proving the legality of the exercise lay with Ulap and Sigaw ng Bayan.

"I don't think that the Senate should be pressured to state its position. We're not at all under obligation to respond to the petition. Comelec chair Abalos, by a stroke of good conscience, has admitted that it was enjoined by the high court from entertaining such a petition," he said.

Some senators were elated by Abalos' pronouncement, but acknowledged the need to be "vigilant."

"I appreciate the fact that the Comelec is honoring the Supreme Court decision, unlike Malacañang which continues to impose Executive Order No. 464 in the form of Memorandum Circular 108," Sen. Pia Cayetano said in an interview, referring to the Palace guidelines on the appearance of government officials at inquiries.

"We welcome the statement but that shouldn't lull the public into complacency. We remain vigilant and continue to guard against those who openly flaunt their disregard for the fundamental law," Senate Majority Leader Francis Pangilinan said.

Melo Commission members sworn in, ready to take off

By Christine O. Avendano

FINALLY, THE PALACE-CREATED Melo Commission can start the investigation on the rash of political killings.

Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said that retired Supreme Court Justice Jose Melo and the five other members of the body were sworn into office yesterday by Supreme Court Justice Artemio Panganiban.

The Melo Commission was created by President Macapagal-Arroyo last week to investigate the spate of killings of media personalities and militant activists in the country.

But before the commission could get down to work, one of its members, Batanes Bishop Camilo Gregorio, backed out. He has since been replaced by Butuan Bishop Juan de Dios Pueblos.

"The Melo Commission is about to wind up its organizational phase and will soon hit the road with a comprehensive and thorough plan to get to the bottom of these killings," Bunye said in his "View from the Palace" column.

Bunye urged concerned sectors, including the National Union of Journalists of the Philippines, to support the commission in its pursuit of the killers of the media men and militant activists.

"We call on all sectors committed to the truth and justice to support the commission and bring their respective views before it," the presidential spokesperson said.

"What we need is for all stakeholders to come together behind an earnest bid to put a full stop to the spate of murders and mayhem that is now affecting the image of the Philippines," he said, adding that the "NUJP can lead the way by working with the Melo Commission."

Bunye said Ms Arroyo "continues to be outraged by these acts of violence" and that her administration would go after the killers even if they were supposedly protectors of the law.

Proof of this, he said, was the arrest of two policemen tagged in the killing last month of RPN 9 cameraman Ralph Runez.

"No one, particularly our military or police, has the right to take the law into their hands and settle a political score through the taking of a life. No democracy, including this one, can stand on the quicksand of sanctioned violence like this," Bunye said.

Aside from Melo and Pueblos, the other members of the commission are State Prosecutor Jovencito Zuno, National Bureau of Investigation Director Nestor Mantaring, civic leader and UP Board of Regents member Nelia Teodoro-Gonzalez and Rogelio Vinluan as general counsel.

RM AWARDEE HERE

Ramon Magsaysay Awardee for 2006 from Korea Park Won Soon (right), awardee for public service, arrived at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport yesterday. He was met by RM Award Foundation president Carmencita T. Abella (left) and George Murillo, RMAF business manager. The RM Awards will be given out on Aug. 31 at the Cultural Center of the Philippines.

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Limiting military role in elections up at meet

By Leila B. Salaverria

THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS WILL meet with Defense Secretary Avelino Cruz to discuss the scope of participation of the Armed Forces of Philippines in the coming elections.

Scheduled to meet with Cruz are Commissioners Resurreccion Borra and Florentino Tuason Jr., as well as Comelec executive director Pio Jose Joson, deputy executive director for operations Jose Tolentino and directors Alioden Dalaig and Eduardo Mejos.

In a letter dated May 8 to the Comelec, Cruz had proposed some guidelines on the role of the AFP in elections.

For instance, soldiers should not be involved in the counting or canvassing of votes, the clustering of precincts, and the transporting of ballot boxes and other election paraphernalia and election results. Soldiers should not be designated as security escorts to candidates, Cruz said in his letter.

Should the Comelec request for a deputation of soldiers in such tasks, the defense department will recommend that President Macapagal-Arroyo disapprove the requests. The Comelec, however, can deputize members of the AFP to participate in the elections with the concurrence of the Chief Executive.

In his letter, Cruz noted that the AFP's participation in previous elections resulted in allegations that the military was used in partisan politics, hence the decision to limit the soldiers' participation in poll activities.

"The Department has implemented reform measures to insulate the AFP from partisan politics. One such measure was to define or limit the scope of the future Comelec deputation of AFP units, officers and personnel only in case of serious armed threats to the electoral process, which the Philippine National Police (and other civilian law enforcement agencies) cannot address as determined by the chief of staff," Cruz said in his letter.

Another militant arrested

By Luige A. del Puerto and Juan Escandor Jr.
Inquirer Southern Luzon

NAGA CITY—POLICE YESTERDAY ARRESTed a top leader of the militant Bayan Muna in Camarines Sur for frustrated murder.

Sr. Supt. Romeo Mapalo, Camarines Sur provincial police director, identified the leftist leader as Jariz Vida, Bayan Muna secretary general in the province, who was arrested in nearby Milaor town at about 1:30 p.m.

Mapalo, however, could not give details on the frustrated murder case involving Vida.

"All we have is the warrant of arrest issued by the municipal court of Presentacion town," he said.

Vida attended his radio program "Pamana ng Lahi" at the dzGE radio station in Barangay Baras in neighboring Canaman town and had gone home where he was arrested.

Bayan Muna officials in Manila said he was brought to the provincial headquarters and was still there at press time.

Party officials said they believed the charges were fabricated to harass leaders of mass movements opposed to the Arroyo regime.

"He was a complainant in the impeachment [against President Macapagal-Arroyo]. We think this is part of the policy of the Arroyo government against militants working for her ouster—to harass them," said Bayan Muna secretary general Nathaniel Santiago.

Roberto de Castro, the party's deputy chief, said Vida had already survived two assassination attempts.

In December last year, Vida's house was strafed.

In April this year, someone took a shot at him but missed during a protest action in Naga City. The activist leader beside him was wounded. No other details of the two incidents were immediately available.

Bikers press Supreme Court for access to expressways

MOTORCYCLE GROUPS HAVE asked the Supreme Court to reconsider and clarify its recent decision upholding the motorcycle ban on "limited access highways."

Motorcycle groups had generally welcomed the tribunal's decision, contrary to initial media reports it was unfavorable to the petitioners, according to lawyer Michael Ureta, counsel for the motorcyclists.

The bikers, including the 150,000-member Motorcycle Philippines Federation (MCPF), have long branded the ban as discriminatory and ill-conceived.

"The motorcycle community has for many years been fighting the ban, put in place by misconceptions and lack of understanding," a spokesperson for the MCPF said.

"This forced riders out of the safer roads and onto alternative roads that are some of the most dangerous in the country, which have been estimated to be 200 times more dangerous than the tollways."

Ureta said the bikers' petition was partly granted when the Supreme Court voided the regulations issued by the Toll Regulatory Board (TRB) that previously banned motorcycle access on the North and South Luzon expressways.

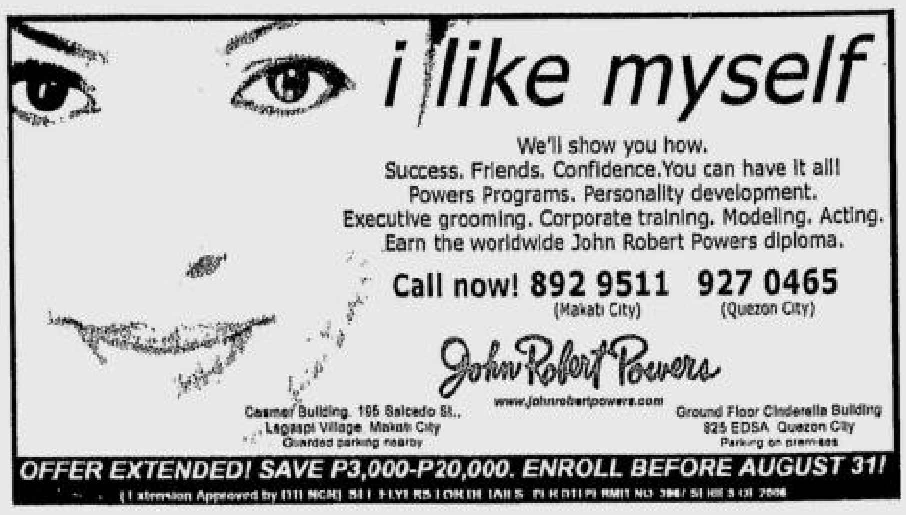
The TRB and the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) are respondents in the motorcyclists' petition and are represented by the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG).

In the en banc decision penned by Justice Antonio Carpio, the Supreme Court voided DPWH Order Nos. 74 (1993) and 215 (1998) and the TRB's Revised Rules and Regulations on Limited Access Facilities (1997).

These orders designated the NLEx, SLEx and also the Manila-Cavite Coastal Toll Road as "limited access highways" after it held that only the Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC) had the power to declare a roadway as a "limited access highway."

In their motion for clarification, the bike groups contended that the voiding of the orders had rendered the motorcycle ban "inexistent," since the DOTC still had to identify and designate, after the required public hearings, which road networks were to be set aside as "limited access highways."

In their motion for reconsideration, the motorcyclists additionally argued that the original motorcycle ban as contained within the standing DPWH Administrative Order No. 1 (1968) was invalid due to unreasonable classification.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She gave birth just 9 months ago...

Look at Dawn Now!

After the joys of childbirth, the battle to bring back that whistle-bait figure after 9 months of fat build-up and unsightly postnatal changes is very challenging. Actress Dawn Zulueta-Lagdameo eagerly shares how she was able to transform her body from miserable to bare-able!

Although she swears that every pound she gained was worth it for her son Jacobo, Dawn animatedly recalls the depression and insecurity she felt upon seeing her inflated body right after childbirth. She says, "Coming from a pregnancy, it was very frustrating since I couldn't do much about my excess weight. Given my post-caesarian condition, I was temporarily barred from doing any taxing activity that, for a moment, I already contemplated on getting liposuction as a desperate measure."

After considering all the horrors of liposuction, Dawn dropped the idea of any surgical procedure. She candidly utters, "I don't want to look like a *longganisa* after going under the knife!" Giving justice to her comment she explains, "I don't want the uneven curves that liposuction often produces. I know people who have regretted their decision after the ripple-like curves start to form and become visible on their bodies. It's really ugly. Add to it the fact that it's not just expensive, but most importantly, it can be quite dangerous."

It was at this point that she chanced upon Marie France's slimming system. "Upon finding out that all their treatments are non-invasive, I immediately gave it a try. The next thing I know, I was dramatically losing all the unwanted pounds and inches of flab," Dawn narrates. "And then finally, after shedding all that fat, I found out about Marie France's newest treatment, Ultrashape. It was the perfect finishing touch for people who have lost weight but still have some lumps and bumps that just won't seem to go away. It really re-sculpts your body and shows off your curves. I was lucky that I was one of the first to try this amazing technology. After my first treatment, I immediately said to myself 'wow, it's perfect!' Ultrashape definitely has all the benefits of lipo minus the surgery and all the risks! There's no downtime whatsoever."

According to Dawn, the treatment takes an hour and a half and is done once a month. Four to five treatments are normally recommended. Flaunting her flat stomach, she proudly says, "The effect is already visible as early as the first treatment, would you believe! I was pleasantly surprised to see my tummy flatten. It boosted my confidence that I started treatment on my thighs soon after. So you see, liposuction is unnecessary."

Asked if she experienced any discomfort during the treatment, Dawn reveals, "No, not at all. The treatment was very relaxing. It was painless. The doctor explained that Ultrashape destroys the fat cells in the targeted areas like my stomach and thighs. From there, the fat is metabolized and burned naturally by my body as energy. Before I knew it, my body's once again capable of wearing even the skimpiest of outfits like a bikini. I'm confident because I have nothing more to hide. I've got the body of a sexy 20something woman even if I'm already 37 and have just given birth!"

Not the least bothered as to the criticisms people might cook up about her latest and sexiest print ad to date, Dawn coolly shrugs her shoulders and says, "We're getting out of the stereotype. Even if you're a mommy, it shouldn't strip you off the pleasure to look and feel good about yourself." She adds, "Like in my case, having a sexier and fitter body now makes me more excited to do a lot of productive things because the confidence is there. If my family and I were to go to the beach, I can go out and frolic in my two-piece swimsuit without *tapis*. When I'm free from insecurities, I make my husband more proud of me because we are both able to enjoy our quality moments with enthusiasm." Dawn continues, "It doesn't matter if you're in your thirties or forties because as women, we owe it to ourselves to always look good. Every woman can achieve the sexy body she wants if she only sets her mind to it. There's so many choices out there and Marie France offers a lot. It caters to women with safe and effective solutions for whatever problem their body has."

Prior to ending the conversation, Dawn shifts to a joking mood as she highlights, "Just beware of the consequences of Ultrashape. You'll definitely start looking more delicious to your husband and you just might find yourself pregnant again!"

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Militants hit Gonzalez over remarks on UP

By DJ Yap

MILITANTS YESTERDAY ASSAILED JUSTICE Secretary Raul Gonzalez for his remarks describing the University of the Philippines as a "breeding ground" for destabilizers that "haunt the country year after year."

"It seems that (Gonzalez) wants attention... He has missed the limelight and is now trying to come back by hitting the country's premier university," said Danilo Ramos, secretary general of Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas.

According to Gonzalez, UP mainly produces militant protesters and fraternity men and women who run around its campus naked, referring to the Oblation run of the APO fraternity.

"He will get attention all right, and a lot of flak as well," Ramos said in a statement sent to the INQUIRER.

"With his remarks against UP as a school that breeds destabilizers and naked runners, Gonzalez will again draw the ire of countless people not just in the country but the world over," Ramos said.

He said UP was a "a very respected institution of higher education" which had produced many of the country's leaders.

"His remark is also meant to discourage the university, its students, teachers and officials from being active in the campaign to oust Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo," Ramos said.

Gonzalez had noted that UP was the site of numerous protest rallies and symposia calling for the resignation of President Arroyo.

Ramos said Gonzalez was "slandering" the university for hosting the Truth Caravan and becoming the first caretaker of the seven boxes of evidence against Ms Arroyo in the recent failed impeachment case.

YWCA elects new officers

JOSE

THE YOUNG WOMEN'S Christian Association of the Philippines has elected Florida Z. Jose president for 2006-08. Jose is also incumbent president of the YWCA of Manila.

She is president of Falcon Maritime Agency and vice president of the Overseas Placement Association of the Philippines.

Other officers elected were Rosella Jean M. Puno, vice president for administration and management; Patricia Marjorie I. Lamberte, VP for program and membership; Grace A. Agustin, VP for finance; Ma. Corazon Francisco, secretary; Morena O. Galvelo, assistant secretary; Villa Granada de Guia, treasurer; Sylvia Chua, assistant treasurer, and Corazon B. Tiangco, PRO.

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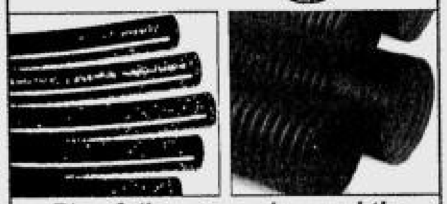

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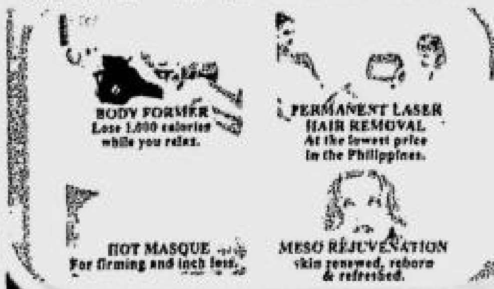

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VAT windfall goes to social services, infrastructure

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE GOVERNMENT SPENT P8.6 billion, or 22.5 percent of its windfall collections from the expanded value-added tax (VAT), in the first semester for vital social services and infrastructure projects, the Department of Budget and Management said yesterday.

Based on its initial report on the use of incremental revenues from the VAT, P6.9 billion went to social services while P1.7 billion was spent on infrastructure from January to June this year.

The DBM reported that the funds were used for important initiatives in education, health, poverty alleviation, railway construction and rural electrification.

In a statement, Budget Secretary Rolando Andaya said: "Additional revenues from the VAT have been used to improve our education system with P490 million for new textbooks and instructional materials, P252 million for school buildings, and P497 million in training programs for teachers and school administrators.

"Health and nutrition programs also received a boost with P1 billion in funding for health insurance subsidies for indigent families and P1.5 billion for school feeding programs. We also released P500 million for the extension of LRT Line 1 to Cavite and P240 million for rural electrification," Andaya said.

The VAT reform, which raised the tax rate from 10 to 12 percent and scrapped certain exemptions, yielded better than expected revenues of P38.2 billion for the first half of the year, exceeding the target by P7.2 billion.

Finance Secretary Margarito Teves said additional revenues from the VAT would help fund the P369 billion infrastructure investment program announced by President Macapagal-Arroyo in her State of the Nation Address.

Under the VAT Law (Republic Act No. 9337), 30 percent of the additional revenues generated by the increase in the VAT rate must be invested in social services and infrastructure.

Earlier this month, a visiting International Monetary Fund mission from Washington urged the government to shore up spending for infrastructure and social services to make the most out of recent gains from fiscal reforms.

Commending the Philippine economy's good performance notwithstanding higher oil prices, the IMF mission said: "The landmark VAT reform is producing results, with government revenues on target through the first semester. The increased revenue will be used to reduce public debt and to finance infrastructure and social services."

The IMF noted that government expenditures in the first semester were less than anticipated and that there would be scope to raise productive capital and priority spending for the remainder of the year, while continuing to meet the deficit target.

"This will allow full realization of the benefits of VAT reform and devote resources towards much-needed public infrastructure," the IMF mission said.

For next year, former Socioeconomic Planning Secretary Felipe Medalla said the government could free up some P60 billion to increase infrastructure and social spending—but only if the money won't be used to buy political clout in next year's local elections.

Medalla expressed concern that the President's legitimacy problems and the forthcoming 2007 elections would make it hard to "decompress" spending properly.

"The worst case is if the 2007 budget will be used to make sure that anti-impeachment congressmen will get reelected," Medalla said. "If that's the case, we're better off paying down debts and waiting for the next President to use the money properly," he said.

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Ex-Palace exec Rufino dies at 52

FORMER PRESIDENTIAL political adviser Jose Ma. "Joey" Rufino died at 8 last night at Medical City of a liver disease. He was 52.

Rufino was also former executive director of the Lakas-CMD party.

Presidential political adviser Gabriel Claudio said he had informed President Macapagal-Arroyo of Rufino's demise.

"He epitomized the reformist and forward-looking character of Lakas-CMD," Claudio said. "He was also the original and foremost exponent of Christian-Muslim democracy in the Philippines."

Rufino had been ill for sometime. President Arroyo was able to visit him last week at Medical City.

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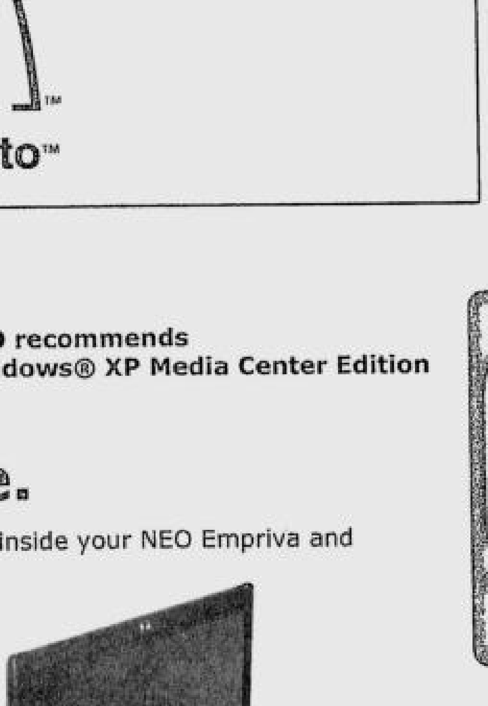

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"Prepare to get your illegal fish pens demolished, by force if need be. Also, get ready to face criminal charges in court for despoiling the environment," Reyes said.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources, in coordination with the Laguna Lake Development Authority, issued the warning after the lake environment had been polluted through overstocking and unsafe fish farming practices.

"The three-month grace period the DENR and LLDA had given them is almost over," he said.

In May, Reyes and LLDA general manager Casimiro Ynares announced the government's plan to remove all illegal fish pens in the lake at the end of three months to save it from further ecological destruction.

The grace period was intended to allow operators of the illegal fish pens to harvest their produce before their fish cages were demolished.

Illegal fish pen structures are those constructed outside the designated fish cage belts or those built without operation permits from the LLDA, Reyes said.

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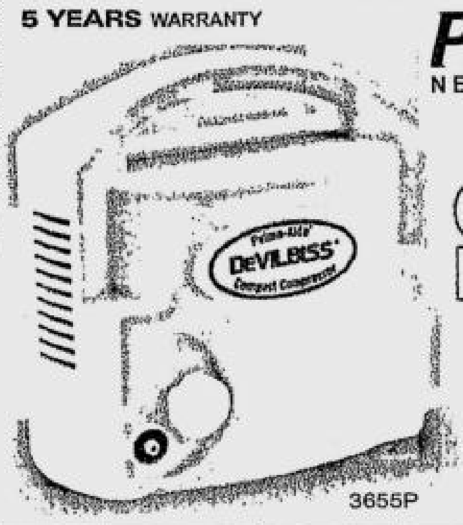

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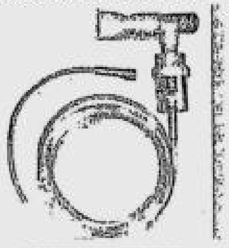

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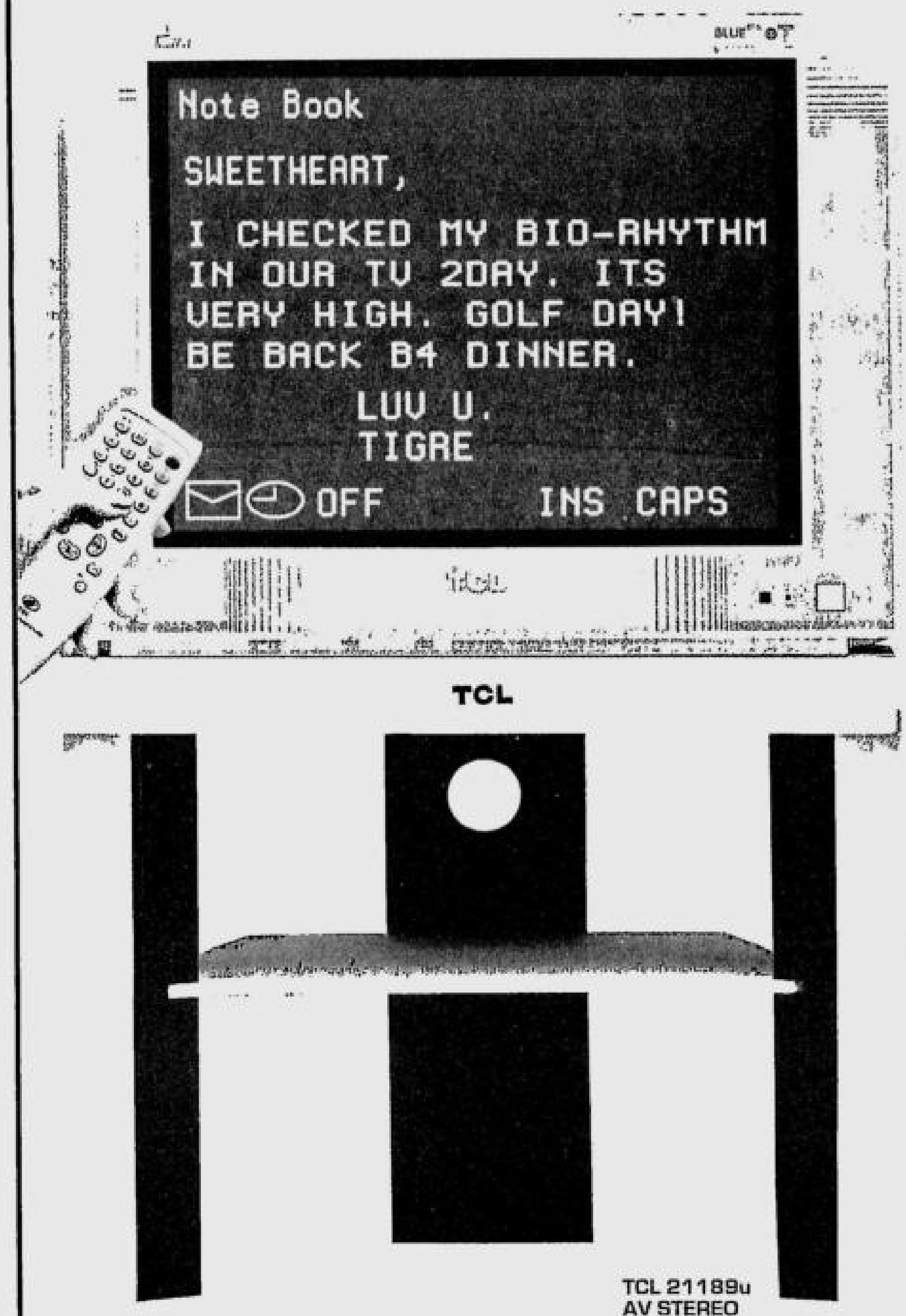

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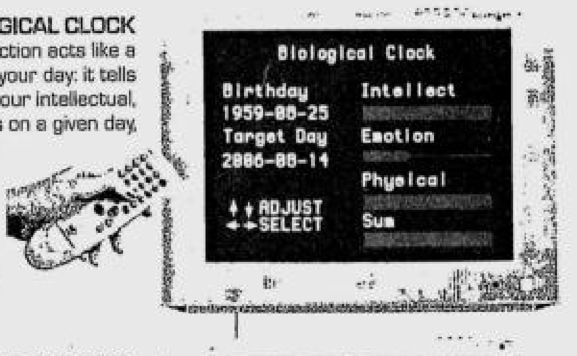

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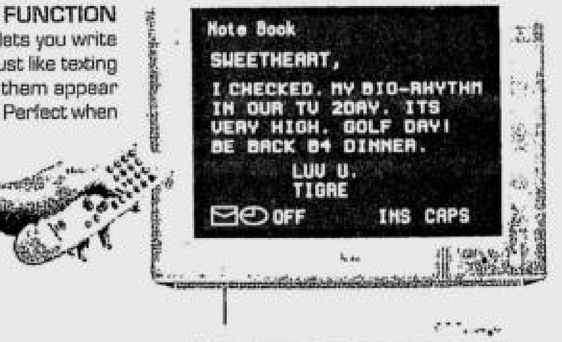

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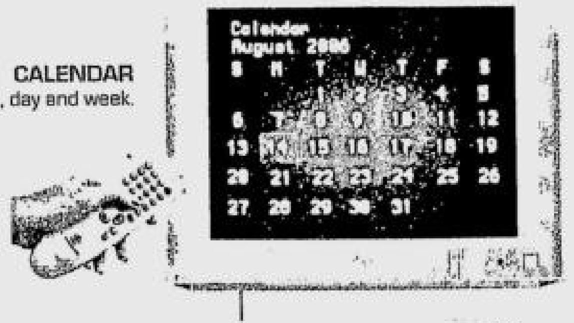

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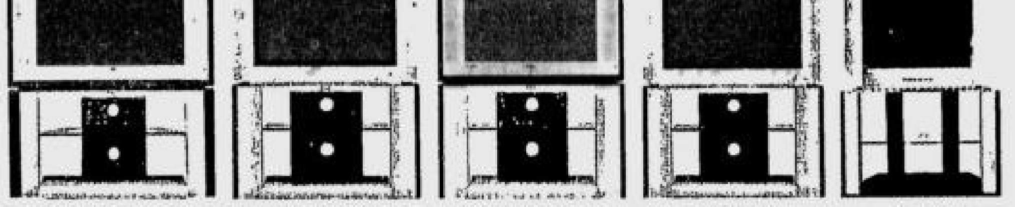
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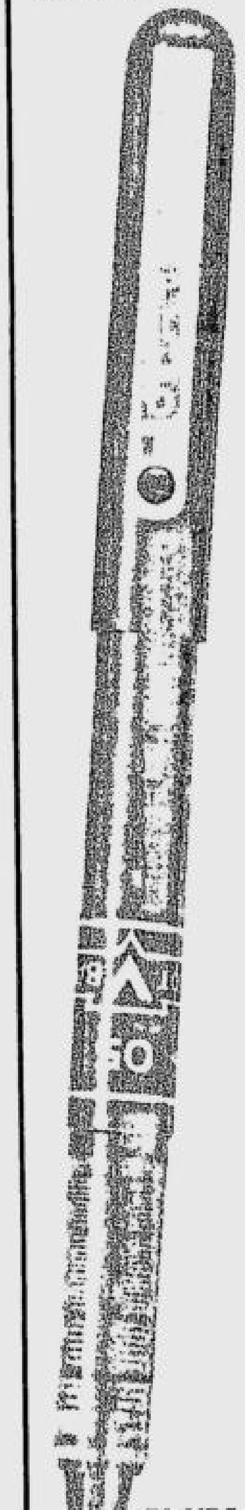

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GMA to meet resort owners

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-ARroyo is expected to return to Guimaras today and spend the night at one of its resorts to show the world that not all of the island-province has been affected by the oil spill.

Ms Arroyo will be accompanied by Tourism Secretary Ace Durano and will meet with resort owners.

During her first visit on Saturday, the President took a helicopter ride to see for herself the extent of the oil spill off Guimaras.

Two weeks after the sinking of the MT Solar I, 10 of the 17 beach resorts on Guimaras suffered canceled reservations by tourists, according to the President's chief of staff, Michael Defensor.

"The President is going there to show them that the resorts are viable," Defensor said.

Presidential Management Staff chief Arthur Yap said the President would be staying at a resort that was not affected by the oil spill.

Yap said Ms Arroyo might even sample the local seafood just to show that the entire island was not affected by the oil spill. *Reports form Christine O. Avendaño in Manila and Carla Gomez, Inquirer Visayas*

Defense chief won't face Congress probe

By TJ Burgonio

IN A SIGN OF CONTINUED DEFIance of the Senate by Malacañang, Defense Secretary Avelino Cruz Jr. is expected to skip a joint Senate-House inquiry into the Guimaras oil spill today, a move that could further anger the senators.

Cruz, chair of the National Disaster Coordinating Council, wrote Sen. Pia Cayetano on Friday informing her that he would be unable to attend today's hearing, citing Memorandum Circular No. 108.

The circular, issued by Malacañang on July 27, spells out new guidelines governing the appearance of officials from the executive branch at congressional inquiries.

Cayetano, cochair of the joint committee on the Clean Water Act and chair of the Senate committee on the environment, was miffed by Cruz's decision, but voiced the hope he would change his mind and attend the hearing.

"I'm extremely disappointed. I'm not going to hesitate to make it clear that this is obstruction of justice. How else are we going to do our job if they don't appear?" Cayetano said in an interview.

"I'll put the burden on them, and I'm going to tell the people who is responsible."

Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr. said the Senate had the option of citing the no-shows in contempt and order their arrest.

Cruz's letter came on the heels of administration snubs of Senate inquiries into the status of the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration fund and the leak-tainted nursing board exams.

In his letter, Cruz said he had forwarded to Ms Arroyo the committee's request for his appearance to determine whether the hearing was in aid of legislation or fell within the scope of executive privilege. He also asked for 15 days to prepare for the inquiry.

Also invited to the hearing were Environment Secretary Angelo Reyes, Petron chair Nicasio Alcantara, Sunshine Maritime Development Corp. president Clemente Cancio, Guimaras officials and Philippine Coast Guard commandant Vice Admiral Arthur Gosingan.

DOJ likens oil spill to stampede

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rests with the shipowner."

But it also said it felt a moral responsibility to extend assistance to the affected communities.

"I disagree," Gonzalez, referring to the Petron statement, said in a phone interview. "I don't want to elaborate because if I'm going to investigate this, any statement I make might be misconstrued. I'm certain there is responsibility, legal."

Lopez's responsibility

The justice secretary likened the incident to the Wowowee stampede in February at PhilSports Arena (formerly Ultra) where, he said, ABS-CBN chair Gabby Lopez took moral responsibility for what happened.

The National Bureau of Investigation later recommended that Lopez and other network officials be charged with reckless imprudence resulting in multiple homicide and injuries over the deaths of 71 people and injuries suffered by scores as a result of the stampede by the show's fans.

Petron could not be reached for comment on Gonzalez's remark.

He said he would wait for the Special Board of Marine Inquiry to finish its investigation of the oil spill before conducting his own probe.

Initial findings

He said the DOJ would look into whether there was criminal liability for the spill, with the possible charges being reckless imprudence resulting in damage to property or reckless imprudence resulting in death, since two crew members of the tanker have remained missing.

He also said he would check whether the Philippine Coast Guard or the Maritime Industry Authority (Marina) could be held responsible as well for allowing the Solar I to set sail despite the tanker and its crew having insufficient documents.

The marine board has found during its initial investigation that the tanker had an expired interim document of compliance, which is issued to show compliance with the code for the safe operation of ships and pollution prevention.

The initial results of the board's probe also showed that the tanker's crew members either lacked the necessary training for oil tanker operations or had expired certifications.

Clemente Cancio, president of Sunshine Maritime Development Corp. (SDMC) which owns the 998-ton tanker, earlier said his company would assume responsibility but maintained that the crew members were qualified and their papers were in order.

Marina Administrator Vicente Suazo Jr. has ordered regional offices to inspect the 414 oil tankers in the country to determine their seaworthiness and check on their documents.

At least 12 ships—five from the Coast Guard and seven contracted by Petron and the owners of the sunken tanker—are battling the oil slick.

Aerial spraying of chemical dispersants will be continued.

Vice Admiral Arthur Gosingan, Coast Guard commandant, said his men's efforts were focused on preventing the oil slick from spreading beyond the Guimaras Strait.

Cebu and Masbate

Gosingan also said the slick had not contaminated areas near Bantayan Island in Cebu and Masbate, based on aerial surveys and inspection by Coast Guard ships.

He said the remote-operated vehicle belonging to Fukada Salvage and Marine Works was expected to arrive by the middle of this week.

The Japanese vessel, equipped with powerful underwater cameras and an advanced sonar system and capable of diving to 2,000 meters underwater, will conduct surveys to determine the exact position of the vessel.

A SOLDIER carries a sack of sand coated with bunker fuel retrieved from the shore of Sitio Luzaran, Barangay La Paz, Nueva Valencia.

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Gosingan said the authorities would decide whether the tanker should be removed or its remaining bunker fuel sucked out based on the results of the underwater survey.

The spill has affected 26 villages in Guimaras and damaged 15.8 sq km of coral reefs, 314 ha of mangroves and 58 ha of seaweeds, according to a report of the Regional Disaster Coordinating Council.

'3-way collusion'

Petron is sending barges for temporary storage of collected oil-contaminated debris, said Cruz.

He said recycling firms would look into the possibility of using the collected fuel.

World Wildlife Fund-Philippines yesterday said that what could be the worst oil spill in the country's history could be attributed to bad governance.

"It's actually a three-way collusion," WWF president Lorenzo Tan told the INQUIRER.

"Petron manages that terminal in Bataan, but there is a Coast Guard officer detailed there. So who let the vessel sail? My understanding is that it is the job of Coast Guard personnel to check the papers before a captain or ship leaves port," Tan said.

A recent satellite photo of an oil slick showed it may have reached the Visayan Sea. *(Story on front page.)* Petron quoted the Coast Guard as saying it was not an oil slick but an "oil sheen" and posed no threat.

Can of worms

"If governance were good, the accident would not have happened … A national calamity truly exists, but it is a calamity of governance," Tan said.

"The problem is Petron, Shell, Caltex and all oil companies and all shipping companies have to deal with the Coast Guard. In a way, Petron is also a victim of the system here," Tan said.

He said the marine board inquiry would open a can of worms on the national maritime situation, including corruption in the country's ports. *With a report from Blanche S. Rivera in Manila*

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No more oil slick in Visayan Sea—Coast Guard

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to determine if it was the same oil as in the Guimaras spill, Tan said.

He said the satellite image report had also been visually verified by Antonio Oposa, head of the Visayan Sea Squadron, on Saturday.

However, Oposa told the INQUIRER yesterday that the oil slick that was spotted by the Visayan Sea Squadron and was last seen 20 km off the northern tip of Bantayan Island had disappeared.

It was a thin slick and has apparently dispersed, according to Oposa.

A check on the reported oil slick in the waters off Placer town in Masbate yielded negative results, according to Capt. Rudy Isorena, PCG Bicol District commander.

Isorena said that upon hearing of the slick sighted in the area, he immediately dispatched the BRP Edsa II, which scoured the seas in the southeastern part of Masbate up to Placer town the whole day Saturday but found no trace of it.

"Perhaps, there was a small amount sighted in the area but since the wave direction was to the south, it immediately disappeared and perhaps had gone down to Cebu province," he said.

An oil sheen was seen last week in the waters of Negros and Panay but it later disappeared.

The oil spill has already polluted some 300 km of coastline, including stretches of pristine beaches.

It has wrecked Guimaras Island's tourism industry and threatened the livelihood of hundreds of fishermen who struggle to clean up the oil with hand tools and improvised oil booms made of bamboo and wild grass.

Chemical dispersant

As of yesterday afternoon, 50 to 80 liters of oil an hour was coming out of the area where the MT Solar I had sunk, but the situation could change if the tanks containing the bunker fuel explode, according to Jarder.

The PCG and private contractors sprayed large amounts of chemical dispersant on the oil spill off Guimaras Island in a last-ditch effort to keep it from spreading.

"Because we're not able to control the spill we have to continuously spray during daytime. That is the only thing that has helped a lot in keeping the oil from reaching the shoreline," said Jarder.

"The threat is still there. We are not even sure how much of the oil has been spilled," he added.

Japanese ship delayed

Jarder said it was a "necessity," that an underwater survey be conducted of the Solar I, which has been spotted lying some 640 meters (2,112 feet) underwater 21 km south of Guimaras, beyond the reach of human divers.

Petron has hired a Japanese salvage ship equipped with a remote-control mini-submarine to help in the process, but its arrival has been delayed until Tuesday.

Two PCG vessels, a tugboat and a BN Islander aircraft, contracted by the tanker's owner, were all seen spraying dispersant in the waters off Guimaras where the main oil slick could be seen, stretching out in the sea.

Smaller slicks had also broken off and were floating out to other islands.

Jarder said that previously, the PCG did not use chemical dispersants extensively because there was a limited supply of it in the country. Petron has ordered more dispersant but Jarder said PCG supplies would only last about a week.

Rough seas

The PCG and Petron had used spill booms that float on the surface of the water to contain the oil but Jarder said the seas were now too rough for the booms to be fully effective.

"It's not practical considering the sea conditions there. (The oil) will just go under the spill boom or over the spill boom," he said.

Jarder said the dispersant was biodegradable, adding that the PCG was careful not to spray on the shoreline where the chemicals might affect people.

"The area is too large to contain with oil spill booms. Spraying will just mitigate the spilled oil before it hits the beaches," said Virgilio Garcia, manager of First Response, a company contracted by the tanker's owners to help in the cleanup.

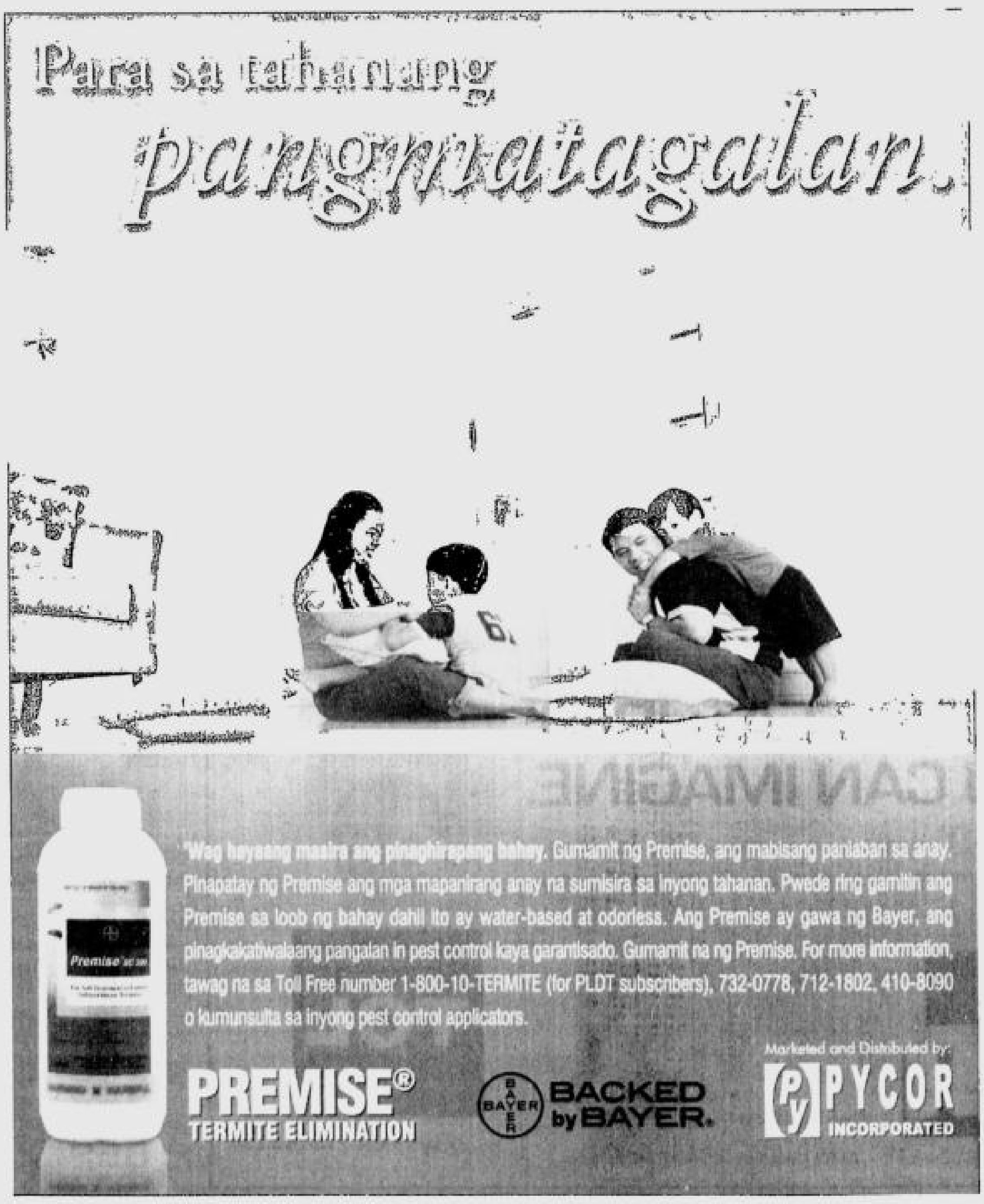
He said the dispersant was "very expensive. We're running out of funds to purchase the chemicals."

Concrete tomb

Rafael Coscolluela, presidential adviser for Western Visayas, said three options were being considered to stop the leak from the sunken tanker.

The first is to siphon off the oil from the sunken tanker, the second is to pull up the vessel, and the third is find a way to bury it in concrete on the ocean floor, Coscolluela said.

However, he said authorities were still awaiting the arrival of the Japanese salvage ship with robotic equipment to determine the state of the sunken tanker so they could plan how to deal with it. *With a report from AFP*



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GMA dentist won't quit as PRC chair

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think it is right for (my detractors) to say that ... I have a term of office. If my term of office is finished, then I will immediately leave."

"If the President wants me out, I will leave because I am a presidential appointee. If anyone says I have to resign, I have a term of office. I will not resign."

Just a short upper lip

According to Rosero, she was Ms Arroyo's dentist even before the President began smiling that now distinct smile, with a slight overbite, all the way to Malacañang.

"She (Ms Arroyo) has a good set of teeth," a candid Rosero said.

When reporters pointed out Ms Arroyo had an overbite, Rosero shook her head. "It's just that she has a short upper lip," Rosero said.

She found Ms Arroyo, as a patient, to be "very cooperative."

"She would just close her eyes and relax," she said.

First Gentleman

Rosero last examined Ms Arroyo in July as part of her twice a year checkup at the clinic in the Malacañang compound.

"She asked me about the nursing leakage and I told her we had already investigated the matter, that there was indeed a leakage. She gave a sour face," recalled Rosero.

The fate of the more than 17,000 examinees who passed the nurse licensing exams in June has remained in limbo after the Court of Appeals ordered a halt to the oath-taking of the passers while it studies a petition calling for new examinations.

"She (Ms Arroyo) is my patient. She has been my patient even before she became President," Rosero said.

"First Gentleman Mike Arroyo is also my patient. But I don't tell everyone because it's a personal patient-dentist relationship. We have a code of ethics that says we don't have to tell everyone who your clients are. And they are not the only clients I have."

A matter of trust

On the other hand, Rosero said the patient-dentist relationship she has with Ms Arroyo must have counted for something.

"I think it's just the trust and confidence of the President given to anybody she appoints. It means she trusts that person. Just like a dentist-patient relationship, she will not agree I treat her if she doesn't have trust in me," she said.

She was also candid about the links between her husband, Mabuhay Rosero, and the First Gentleman. "They belong to the Rotary Club of Makati Central."

Another member of the Rotary Club is Efraim Genuino, chair of Philippine Gaming Corp. Rosero's husband is head of Pagcor's surveillance department.

Family of dentists

"We (their families) are not really very close but we are friends," she said.

Rosero comes from a family of dentists. Four of her seven siblings are also dentists, as well as her son.

She earned her Doctor of Dental Medicine degree at the University of the East, graduating cum laude. She took the dentist licensure examination in 1968 and placed second.

Her clinic used to be located at the Sunvar Plaza in Makati City. Today, her clinic is at the Bonifacio Technical Center at The Fort.

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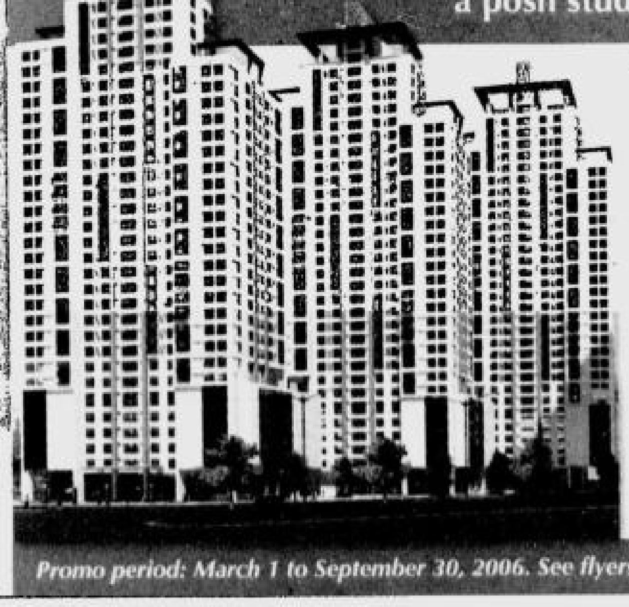

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Show CA who's boss on Piatco, solons tell SC

By Michael Lim Ubac

THE HOUSE MAJORITY YESTERDAY CRITICIZED the Court of Appeals for stopping the implementation of the Supreme Court's ruling ordering the government to pay P3 billion in compensation to the Philippine International Air Terminal Co. (Piatco) consortium which built the Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 3.

House Majority Leader Prospero Nograles said the high tribunal should "show the CA who's the real boss" as it called on the Supreme Court to assert its ascendancy as the highest court in the land.

He warned of a looming crisis in the judiciary because "this decision of the CA is legally strange," and unless corrected with dispatch, the high tribunal might "completely lose its supreme authority in the judiciary."

On Dec. 19, 2005, the Supreme Court ordered the Pasay Regional Trial Court which handled the Piatco case to determine just compensation for the Piatco consortium that included Fraport AG of Germany. The Pasay RTC pegged the amount at P3 billion.

But on Aug. 24, the CA's eighth division issued a 60-day temporary restraining order against the ruling of the Supreme Court which declared that the government should compensate Piatco P3 billion before it could take over Naia Terminal 3.

Nograles, a lawyer, said the appellate court, a "mere judicial subaltern and not a co-equal" body, practically trashed the Supreme Court decision when the CA issued the TRO.

"This TRO is a rebuke and could be interpreted as an insult to the wisdom of the Supreme Court which is the highest court of the land," Nograles, a bar topnotcher and chair of the House committee on rules, said.

While the CA decision can be considered void because it does not have the authority to reverse a Supreme Court decision, Chief Justice Artemio Panganiban should dig deeper into this CA action and immediately prevent a looming crisis in the judiciary, according to the lawmaker.

"Can you imagine what will happen if the CA can always reverse an SC ruling? Our justice system will now be like a basketball game where people can just dribble cases back and forth to the CA and the SC. This is especially alarming because in the case of the SC ruling on Piatco, the decision was already final and executory," Nograles said.

In a two-page decision, the CA ordered Pasay City Regional Trial Court Judge Jesus Mupas, the Department of Transportation and Communication, the Manila International Airport Authority and Piatco to "cease and desist from implementing assailed orders subject of this petition for certiorari and prohibition with urgent prayer for the issuance of a temporary restraining order and writ of preliminary injunction."

Pinoys among nationals still being brought out of Lebanon

THERE COULD BE 50 to 70 Filipino nationals among the foreign nationals that the International Organization for Migration (IOM) transported from Beirut to Damascus over the weekend.

In a statement, the IOM said it would secure a flight to bring the Filipinos back to Manila.

"Despite working on a nearly depleted budget, our operations to return migrants of various nationalities continue. In fact, preparations are underway for the transportation of more people from Beirut to Damascus and flights are being arranged for their return to their respective countries in the coming days," said Bruce Reed, IOM's chief of mission in the Philippines.

The IOM reiterated that it had not suspended its operations in Lebanon and Syria despite the ceasefire between Israel and Hezbollah that took effect on Aug. 14.

Last Saturday, 299 Filipinos arrived at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport from Lebanon on IOM-assisted flights.

Their arrival brought to 3,972 the total number of Filipinos that the IOM had brought home. More than half of this number had fled Lebanon at the height of the bombings last month, opting to return to the Philippines. *Nikko Dizon*

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Monday, August 28, 2006
21st Week in Ordinary Time
Augustine

1st Reading: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12
Gospel: Matthew 23:13-22

Jesus said, "Woe to you, teachers of the Law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You shut the door to the kingdom of heaven in people's faces: You yourselves do not enter, nor do you allow others to do so.

Woe to you, teachers of the Law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You travel by sea and land to win a single convert, yet once he is converted, you turn him twice as fit for hell as yourselves.

Woe to you, blind guides! You say: To swear by the Temple is not binding, but to swear by the treasure of the Temple is. Blind fools! Which is of more worth? The gold in the Temple or the Temple which makes the gold a sacred treasure? You say: To swear by the altar is not binding, but to swear by the offering on the altar is. How blind you are! Which is of more value: the offering on the altar or the altar which makes the offering sacred? Whoever swears by the altar is swearing by the altar and by everything on it. Whoever swears by the Temple is swearing by it and by God who dwells in the Temple. Whoever swears by heaven is swearing by the throne of God and by him who is seated on it."

Commentary

We begin a letter from Paul, Silvanus and Timothy with the grace and peace and blessings of God called down upon us. The leaders give thanks for us who believe and whose love grows even as we endure persecution and trial. The leaders pray for us that we might be worthy of our call and glorify God with Jesus. And Jesus looks at the leaders of his time and declares that they shut the door of God's presence in the faces of the people. Jesus as a prophet calls down woe and judgment upon leaders who use their place of authority among the people, liturgically and ritually for their own gain and who do not enter the kingdom and keep others out. What kind of leaders are we? What kind of leaders do we have? What should we be praying for?

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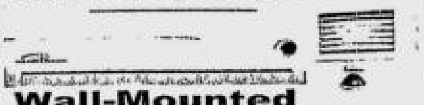

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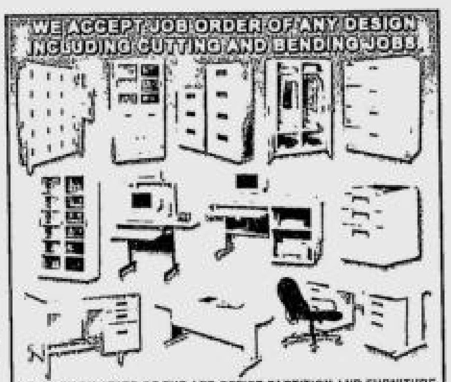

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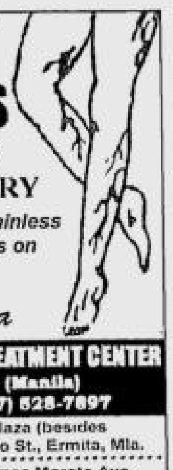

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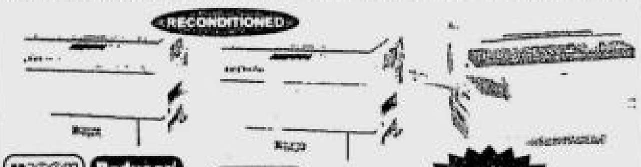

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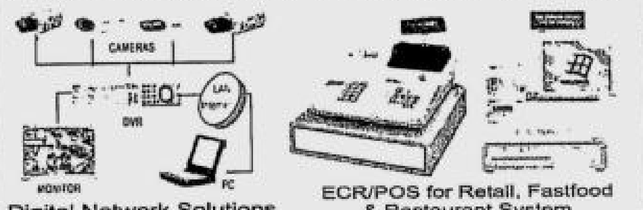
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Taller people smarter, too …

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According to a new study, tall people are just smarter than their height-challenged peers.

"As early as age 3—before schooling has had a chance to play a role—and throughout childhood, taller children perform significantly better on cognitive tests," wrote Anne Case and Christina Paxson of Princeton University in a paper published by the National Bureau of Economic Research.

The findings were based primarily on two British studies that followed children born in 1958 and 1970, respectively, through adulthood and a US study on height and occupational choice.

Other studies have pointed to low self-esteem, better health that accompanies greater height, and social discrimination as culprits for the lower pay earned by shorter people.

But researchers Case and Paxson believe the height advantage in the job world is more than just a question of image.

"As adults, taller individuals are more likely to select into higher paying occupations that require more advanced verbal and numerical skills and greater intelligence, for which they earn handsome returns," they wrote.

For both men and women in the United States and the United Kingdom, a height advantage of four inches equated with a 10-percent increase in wages on average.

Prenatal care

But the researchers said the differences in performance crop up long before the tall people enter the job force.

Prenatal care and the time between birth and the age of 3 are critical periods for determining future cognitive ability and height.

"The speed of growth is more rapid during this period than at any other during the life course, and nutritional needs are greatest at this point," the researchers wrote.

The research confirms previous studies that show that early nutrition is an important predictor of intelligence and height.

"Prenatal care and prenatal nutrition are just incredibly important, even more so than we already knew," Case said in an interview.

Since the study's data only included populations in the United Kingdom and the United States, the findings could not be applied to other regions, Case said.

And how tall are the researchers?

They are both about 5 feet 8 inches tall, well above the average height of 5 feet 4 inches for American women.

A copy of the paper can be found at http://papers.nber.org/papers/w12466.pdf *Reuters*

Why GMA foes failed to topple her: Time for paradigm shift

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My purpose in writing this article is to provoke a paradigm change in the political calculations of regime opponents that have been locked in sterile and unrealistic calculations that have let them down. This article is a call on the opposition for a reality check.

Paradigm change

It makes me sad and it is disappointing to read that my friend, Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr., has said that the dismissal of the second impeachment complaint by the House did not slay the impeachment option, and that "impeachment has supernatural qualities" that will allow it to be "resurrected into another impeachment case next year."

This statement takes refuge in wishful thinking that ignores objective evidence that the base of the power that enabled the President to kill the two complaints is not Imperial Manila and the configuration of political forces in the capital.

Pimentel is a regionalist, an apostle of federalism with few equals in the Senate in knowledge and conviction about the subject. This is why he should be one of the first to recognize the shift and reorder his political calculus.

Never mind Bishop Deogracias Iñiguez of Caloocan, who warned of dire consequences, including a "revolution" and another people power as a backlash to the killing of the second complaint.

No Cardinal Sin

The good bishop belongs to another world. Even if we take him seriously, it is enough to point out his options are based on Manila-centered solutions, all of which have failed.

People power, the Catholic Church's preferred option, has been boxed in by the hubris of Edsa I and II. Besides, the hierarchy no longer has Jaime Cardinal Sin, whose political clout has not reincarnated in Bishop Iñiguez and his fellow bishops.

They continue to believe that the fate of temporal Philippine governments rests on their rabid advocacy, despite their feeble arguments.

The dictum in successful political action is "know your enemy." So, it is important for regime opponents to know the political strategy, as well as its strengths and weaknesses, and the President who has successfully trumped their attempts to unseat her.

To begin with, the strategy was based on the rural constituency, mobilized by a political machine. Setting aside for a while, without ignoring, the charges of alleged cheating (according to the Garcillano tapes), Comelec tabulation showed that she lost to Fernando Poe Jr. in Metro Manila, and perceived wisdom has been he or she who wins Imperial Manila wins election.

Myth of Metro vote

Objective facts show that Ms Arroyo countered the widely believed popularity of Poe and wiped out his Metro Manila vote with heavy majorities in populous Cebu, the Cebuano-speaking voters in Mindanao and in Western Visayas. With that went the Metro Manila myth.

In regard to impeachment attempts, the President turned them back with the support of the rural, specifically not Imperial Manila's, constituency composed of mayors, governors and local officials which translated into the decisive vote in the House of congressmen more directly responsive to local opinion than the members of the Senate.

People power movements have been an Imperial Manila phenomenon. Their playing field is Edsa. They have excluded the *provincianos* from their movement with their insufferable arrogance and snobbery.

The likes of the Black and White movement, the self-righteous civil society groups, pinned their struggle on Edsa, ignoring the existence of the toiling masses and peasants in agrarian Philippines.

Rural constituency

Rural Philippines paid back the favor and felt they had no stake in Edsa movements. So, they didn't come in hordes to swell Edsa with massive demonstrations that the exclusivist Edsa militants hoped for to force Ms Arroyo to step down and prompt the military to withdrew support from her administration.

The coups were Imperial Manila phenomenon. They depended for success on the mass turnout on Edsa. Evidence and opinion polls show coups have never won rural support.

The rural folk never identified their interests with those of the coup makers, no matter what issue they raise. The dependence of coup attempts on the critical mass at Edsa has been its fatal flaw and doomed its success.

The key to breaking Ms Arroyo's hold on power is to attack her links with the rural constituency.

Where to attack in 2007 is the challenge to the ingenuity of her opponents to revise their strategy.

For a start, they have to discard the Imperial Manila myth.

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JOB Market

Termination of oil rights upsets foreign investors

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take part in the development of oil deposits in the Camago-Malampaya field off western Palawan.

"Mitra won the tender fair and square and at the stroke of a pen it was taken away. There was no warning and no explanation," said one industry source, who declined to be named.

Oil exploration publication Upstream said the move was "understood to be due to pressure from influential Filipino business interests, which do not want the potentially lucrative projects to be awarded to a foreign company."

Mitra reached a preliminary agreement with a unit of the Philippine National Oil Co., PNOC Exploration Corp., which owns the Malampaya oil rights, on June 1 and the order was released on Aug. 11 but backdated to June 17.

"It sounds like the abrogation of an agreement," said Peter Wallace, a consultant for multinational corporations with over 30 years of experience in the Philippines.

Wallace said investors were increasingly concerned about the "sanctity of contracts in this country," and there were unsubstantiated claims of one major foreign producer pulling out of a government deal since the executive order was issued.

Subcontracting exploration

EO 556 included a directive that bars PNOC and other government agencies from subcontracting out work covering exploration, known as farm-in, or development, known as farm-out, in the Camago-Malampaya reservoir.

It said all arrangements entered into by PNOC "which violate this executive order shall be immediately discontinued or cancelled."

The executive order also caught PNOC and the Department of Energy by surprise as neither knew anything about it, analysts told Agence France Presse. Both declined to comment on the issue.

French unease

The unease was reflected by the French Chamber of Commerce, which wrote to Trade Secretary Peter Favila, saying it would question the exclusion of the PNOC and the DOE from such a decision.

"We, the French Chamber of Commerce, are of the opinion that if indeed that was so, this occurrence would not help the establishment of confidence in the Philippine market which we have been trying to fight for," the chamber said.

Mitra spokesperson Chris Whitmee said: "We spent a great deal of time and upward of a million dollars preparing for this bid. Having it taken away from us without any explanation has taken us completely by surprise."

$700-M project cost

Whitmee said total project cost was estimated at $700 million with recoverable reserves forecast at between 35 million and 40 million barrels to be financed by a unit of British Petroleum and Standard Chartered Bank.

He said his company had already lined up contracts with international vendors, with production due to begin toward the end of 2007.

"What we find particularly puzzling is the objection to farm-in, farm-out contracts. These are the energy sector's benchmark which all oil and gas companies use worldwide," Whitmee said.

"Foreign governments and oil companies also use them to attract and obtain partners to join in either an exploration (farm-in) or development (farm-out) of a gas or oil field."

Global practice

Such agreements, he said, had stood the test of time worldwide for over 50 years and big oil firms like Shell did a farm-out of 45 percent of the Malampaya gas field to Chevron, as Shell did not want to take the whole risk alone.

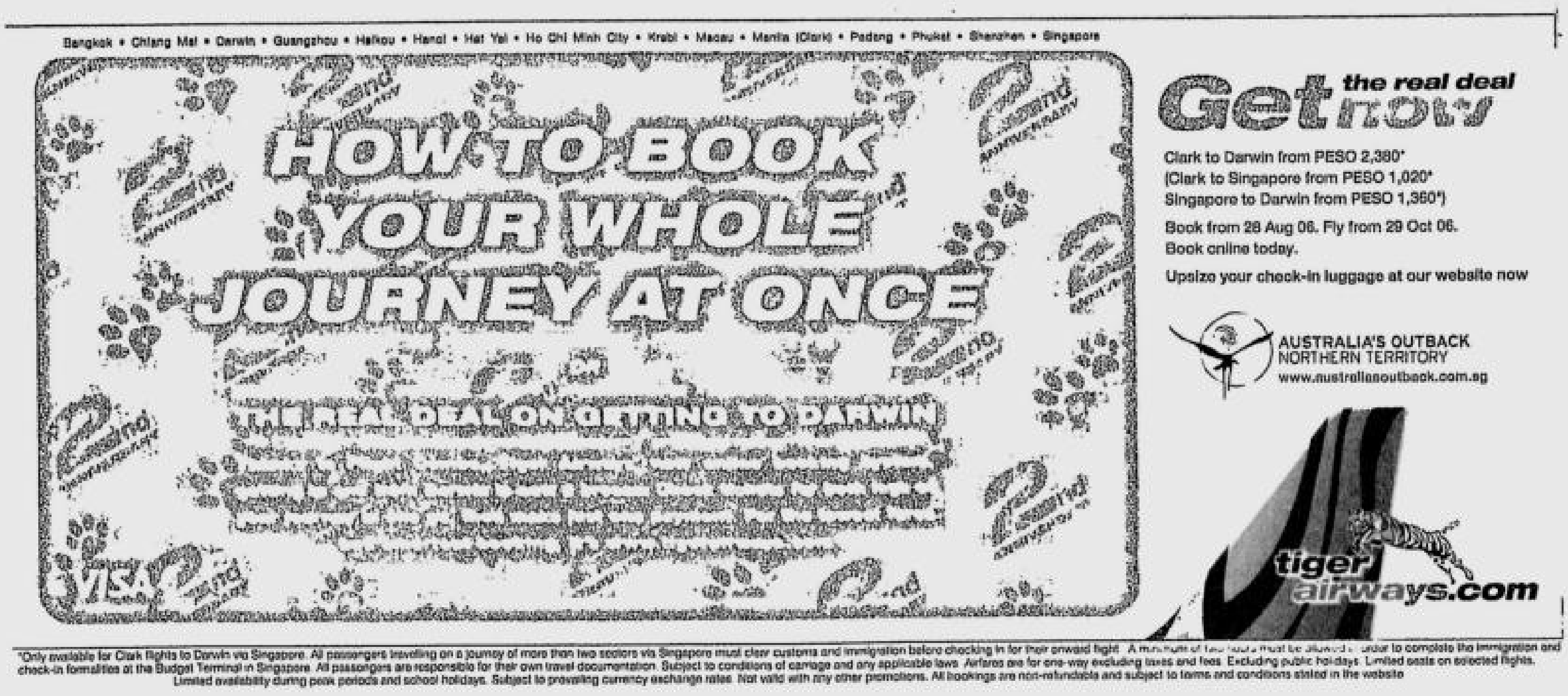
Whitmee said to drill one oil well in Malampaya would cost more than $35 million and Malampaya was not an easy area to drill as it sits at the bottom of 1,000 meters (3,000 feet) of water.

The size and costs were considered too small for companies like Shell.

"The big players don't look at anything under 200 million barrels," Whitmee said, adding that with oil well above $60 a barrel, the Malampaya site was economically viable and within Mitra's capabilities.

He said Mitra had not given up on the project and was waiting for an explanation, while others in the industry are waiting to see how the government justifies its decision to rescind a contract after it had been awarded.

"This is a tight-knit business," one industry source said. "When something like this happens, you have to think twice about investing here." *AFP*



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OPINION

Scary

HERE'S A SORRY SIGN OF THE TIMES: YESTERday's pronouncement, by the chair of the Commission on Elections, that the election agency will follow the law was received and treated and welcomed, correctly, as news. In fact, the lead in yesterday's story told us more about the true state of politics in the Philippines than President Macapagal-Arroyo's own session-opening address did last month.

EDITORIAL

"The Commission on Elections will go by the existing Supreme Court ruling barring the election agency from acting on any petition for a people's initiative to amend the Constitution in the absence of an enabling law," the news story started, before quoting Comelec Chair Benjamin Abalos: "The decision of the Supreme Court, till it is reversed, remains a law that everyone should abide by."

Abalos' avowal is a belaboring of the obvious that inadvertently reveals more than it could possibly have intended. After all, public officials are **supposed** to follow the law; lawyers—and Comelec chairs are lawyers by constitutional requirement—are **bound**, above everyone else, to abide by Supreme Court decisions. We ask Abalos: Was it even possible that you could have considered otherwise?

Unfortunately, the answer is yes. In recent weeks, Abalos has stuck to the straight-and-narrow reading of the high court's decision on the fatal infirmities of the first people's initiative law. But several months ago, when the news first surfaced that the administration, through the organizational genius of Interior Secretary Ronaldo Puno, was effectively sponsoring a so-called people's initiative, Abalos was less than straightforward; in fact, he was meandering all over the legal map.

But here's an even sorrier, scarier sign: Nobody takes the controversial Comelec chair's latest comment at face value. The skepticism reflects the state of disrepair into which the commission's credibility—and, by extension, that of the Arroyo administration—has fallen.

When Abalos describes the procedural straitjacket that will now envelop the "people's initiative" bid by the Sigaw ng Bayan group and the union of local government officials—"We accepted [the petition] as part of our ministerial job. We will endorse the petition to our law department for verification. And after verification, the petition will be sent to the Comelec en banc for disposal"—many in the public cannot but suspect some sleight of hand or expect some Houdini-like escape.

After all, this is the same administration that persists in following the narrowest possible interpretation of the "win-win" decisions the high court handed down this year, against the calibrated preemptive response policy, Executive Order 464 and Presidential Proclamation 1017. (And Abalos may protest as much as he wants, but public perception is clear on one thing: He himself is not perceived as politically neutral, as befits an officer of a constitutional commission; instead, he is seen as neutral **for** the President.)

Thus, the ominous sign of the times: When Abalos declared that the Comelec accepts the high court's ruling on the lack of an enabling law for the people's initiative provision, his declaration was met, by many, as proof of political manipulation.

But this turn of events does not come as a surprise, in part because political activists like Rene Azurin have already sounded the alarm. It is hard not to agree: If the Comelec, which is still controlled by Abalos, looks set to reject the Sigaw ng Bayan and Ulap petition, that must be because the administration strategy is to precisely speed up that rejection. The strategy must be to bring the matter as expeditiously as possible to the Supreme Court.

But surely a court that struck down key provisions of the CPR policy, EO 464 and PP 1017—and gave the Arroyo administration pointed reminders on democratic governance in the process—will also strike down the present "people's initiative"? We have to admit that there still exists residual skepticism regarding this issue, but perhaps the administration strategy is not an outright win, but—and just like the first three landmark rulings—"only" a "win-win" decision.

That would allow the administration—fully aware of the Senate's reluctance to go to war, totally cognizant of the Supreme Court's slow, collegial decision-making—to proceed as planned.

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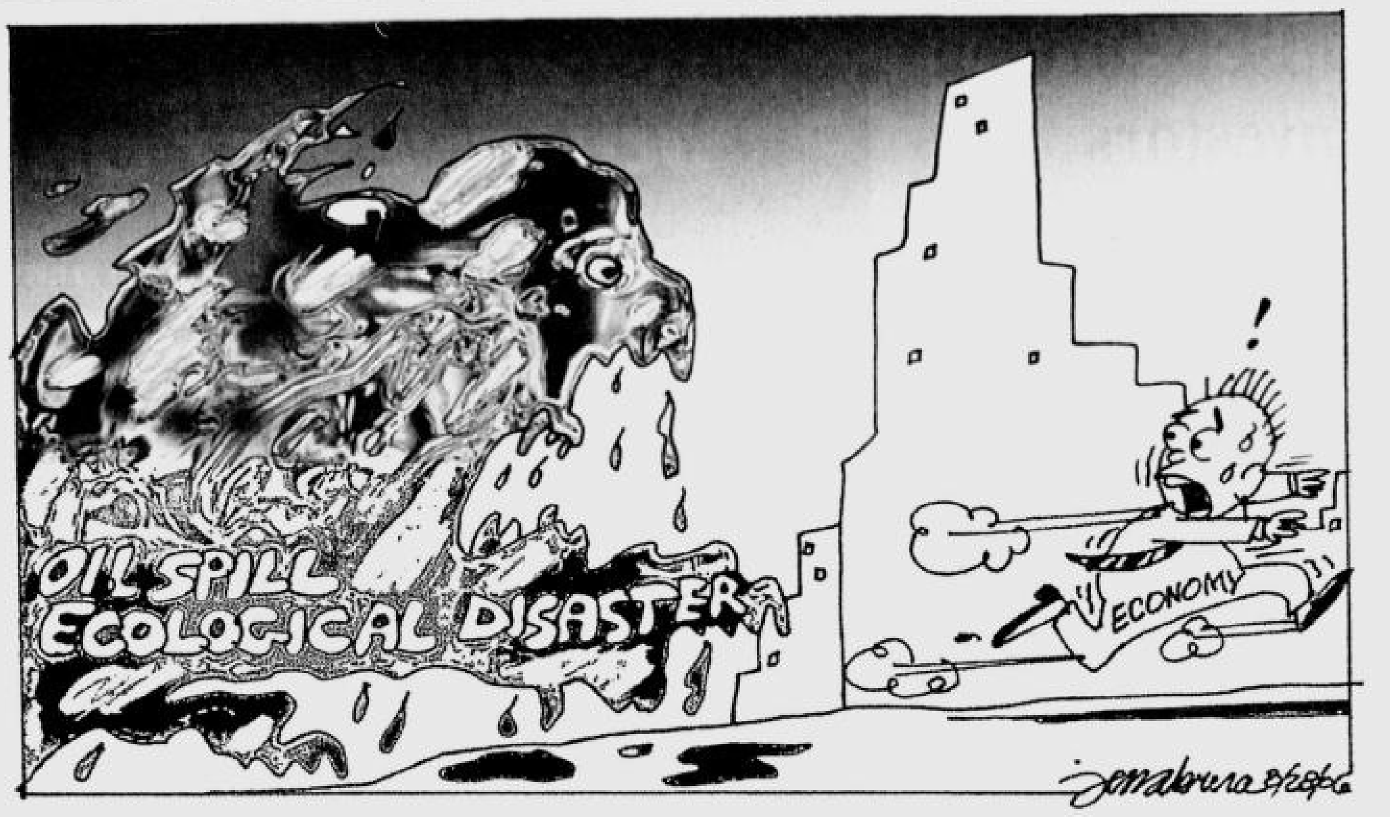

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Neal H. Cruz

A FEW WEEKS AGO, I WROTE HERE ABOUT the ongoing prequalification process for proponents of a project to supply the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) with 300 million liters (300 MLD) of bulk water daily. The MWSS started the prequalification process back in 2004 but the process has bogged down.

There are six proponents. The MWSS prequalification bids and awards committee (PBAC) has already prequalified two Filipino firms (New Kanlaon Consortium and Sierra Madre Consortium) and disqualified two. But it is still keeping the process open for two foreign firms, Malaysia's Ranhill Berhad and Taiwan's Kintech.

Ranhill, you will remember, was the partner of YNN Pacific in the ill-fated purchase of National Power Corp.'s Masinloc power plant. Because of this fiasco, Ranhill seems to have dropped the MWSS project. That leaves the MWSS waiting only for Kintech.

But what is this I read in a Taiwan national newspaper: Two completed projects (in Kaoshiung) of Kintech have failed in quality and volume water tests? Kintech has asked for another 15 months of testing. But because the vice president of Kintech would soon become Taiwan President Chen's "family-in-law," Premier Xhieh was advised not to extend the testing period to avoid a political scandal. Premier Xhieh said he has ordered Kintech's contract cancelled, "no matter who they are."

With the cancellation of the contract, Kintech faces the prospect of losing 4.8 billion Taiwan dollars—money spent for the infrastructure and about 3 billion Taiwan dollars in prospective sale of water to Taiwan Water Corp. (TWC).

Kintech is guilty of misrepresentation for not revealing to the MWSS its failed water projects in Taiwan. Under the terms of the Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) Law, Kintech should be sanctioned and barred from bidding for any RP project for at least two years.

The MWSS is also guilty of negligence for failing to investigate the background of Kintech and for hastily including the Taiwanese corporation for prequalification despite its bad record.

The MWSS bulk water project is already delayed by two years. The submission of prequalification papers for the project was originally scheduled on June 15, 2004. This was postponed to Jan. 13, 2005, but was subsequently reset to Oct. 20, 2005. The prequalification documents submitted by the six proponents were finally opened on Nov. 24, 2005. It is now August 2006, but we have not yet seen the outcome of the prequalification stage.

This project was originally conceived to avert a severe water shortage that was projected to hit Metro Manila by 2008. In other words, the project is already late, so why is the MWSS taking its own sweet time to accommodate foreign firms who already have bad records in their home countries?

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And if government agencies had not taken their own sweet time in considering offers to harness the water of the Wawa River in Montalban (Rodriguez), we would be having plenty of water now in Metro Manila and no water shortage to worry about even after 2008. The San Lorenzo Ruiz Builders and Developers Group, a partner in the construction of the Casecnan Dam, has offered to provide additional water to Metro Manila at no cost to the government. The offer has been there, and 13 years have been lost to red tape, but the government has yet to give the go-signal on the offer. Is it waiting for another foreign firm to make an offer?

Wawa Dam used to be the main source of potable water for Metro Manila, but it was abandoned when the Angat and Ipo dams were completed. But now that water from these two sources are no longer enough, the MWSS is looking for other sources, hence the invitation for proponents to supply MWSS with 100 million liters of water daily.

Wawa Dam can easily fill that demand. Every second, millions of liters of water flow over the dam down the Marikina and Pasig rivers, only to end up wasted in Manila Bay. All that is needed to use this water is to build new connecting pipes from Wawa Dam to La Mesa Dam which is a stone's throw away from the former. So I don't understand why the government is dragging its feet on the proposal. And I don't also understand why San Lorenzo Ruiz is not listed among the proponents for the MWSS bulk water project.

I have written many times in this column about this long drawn-out melodrama on Wawa Dam, but the government has not written a clear explanation on why it is making San Lorenzo Ruiz—and Metro Manila residents—wait so long for its decision on this matter. Among President Macapagal-Arroyo's many promises is the vow to cut red tape in her government. Are the government agencies that have a say on this project making a liar out of her?

A few days ago, I received a letter from Oscar Violago, president and CEO of San Lorenzo Ruiz Builders, on how his company's Wawa River Project will prevent flash floods in Montalban, San Mateo, Marikina and other parts of Metro Manila.

With the Wawa River Project, floods could be prevented "by the series of low dams which we will place along the upper reaches of the Wawa River. Imagine, if the floodwaters flowing into the Pasig River could be reduced by 30 percent, then the flooding in Marikina and Metro Manila will be solved at no expense to the government. The ... series of small dams would ... impound and delay the water flows during heavy downpours ... At the same time, it will impound and release potable water to Metro Manila. Again, I would like to reiterate that the construction of our water and 500-MW hydropower supply will be done at no cost to the government. Our consumers will pay only for the water and power that they consume at a reasonable and competitive rate."

Dead and deader

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

A READER, DAVID MICHAEL SAN JUAN, HAD a very interesting letter last Friday. He wrote: "What cadaver are GMA's congressional allies talking about? The impeachment complaint was not a cadaver when it arrived in Congress: It was the most vigorous physical proof of a people fed up with lies, cheating, murders and human rights violations. It became a cadaver only after GMA's minions killed it."

I share his sentiments entirely, also in the parts where he thunders forth against the real and plentiful cadavers that are piling up in Nueva Ecija and elsewhere, courtesy of a war meant to stifle protest and keep an illegitimate President in power. This country can remain indifferent to that only at its peril. You keep thinking that fate can happen only to other people, you assure it will happen to you. History is full of lessons there, not least the lesson of the slaughter of the Jews in Nazi Germany, which went without protest, which left Hitler free to do pretty much anything he pleased and which brought ruination upon the country.

San Juan is right about the metaphor of the cadaver. It was Edcel Lagman—whose candidacy I endorsed in the 1990s, thinking (wrongly) he would be as unwavering in his pro-people convictions as his brother, a thought I now most bitterly regret—who kept saying the impeachment bid "was dead on arrival." He so liked that phrase he kept repeating it again and again, and giving it florid, and lurid, amplifications as he went along. No metaphor could have been falser.

The real metaphor is "*Aanhin pa ang damo kung patay na ang kabayo*?" Or roughly, "What good is hay when the horse is dead?" Lagman got his roles wrong. The impeachment bid was not a dead thing that got to a living body, it was a living thing that got to a dead body. It was hay that could have resuscitated a famished horse. Alas, the horse was already dead when it got to it.

The impeachment bid is a sure sign the nation is still alive and kicking. It is a vigorous physical proof that voters are still incensed at the thought of having a President they did not vote for and would like to do something about it. Indeed, it is, or was, the most forceful indication the people still hoped they could right wrongs, correct infirmities and obtain fundamental justice by constitutional means. The last is what the majority in Congress has strangled.

No President since 1986 has had her legitimacy unrelentingly questioned. No President has had her right to rule repeatedly rejected by the ruled in survey after survey. Not Cory, notwithstanding that she was not elected into office—the Marcos loyalists insist to this day their *bata* won the snap elections in 1986. It was good enough that she became President by the direct and compelling hand of sovereign will. Not Fidel Ramos, notwithstanding that Miriam Santiago questioned it then and questions it now—only to refute herself by throwing her support behind someone who blatantly stole the vote. Not Erap, until he convinced people he was more the king of the underworld than the President of the country. And Erap was challenged only for competence, not legitimacy.

In fact, not even GMA herself before May 2004. Most people accepted her ascendancy to the presidency with resignation, granting the constitutionality of it (she was the legitimate successor) and taking comfort in the thought her rule would, thankfully (and wrongly), be short-lived.

No President has had her right to rule questioned unrelentingly, except GMA after May 2004—and Ferdinand Marcos after September 1972. For exactly the same reason: Marcos ruled without a mandate after September 1972, GMA has ruled without a mandate after May 2004. Then as now the protest against the dictators—how else to call illegitimate rulers?—though equally unrelentingly suppressed, was, and is, vibrant, pulsating, alive. Then as now, the institutions that existed to prop up the illegitimate rule were, and are, dead. You can smell the stench from the feasting of the maggots from Aparri to Jolo.

I caught only a few glimpses of the deliberations on impeachment last week. My stomach has limits to what it can take. I never expected much to come from it, but I also never expected so disgusting a sight to be spewed into the public's face. My first and last impression was that we had fallen right back into Marcos' martial law. GMA's Batasan was the same as Marcos' Batasan, a rubber-stamp body (forget the modifier, "legislative") dedicated to one and only one purpose: To thwart any effort to unseat a dictator.

That impression was bolstered by the majority doing exactly the same thing that Marcos' henchmen, many of them lawyers, used to do, which was to quote the law in the most stentorian voices to justify the most lawless atrocity. Or to conscript the law to scuttle justice. Never since martial law have I heard more lawyers toast to the majesty of the Law, the supremacy of the Law, the purity of the Law. Never since martial law have I seen more thugs gang-rape her.

That gang may preen and pose now for the cameras, but all its members have done is to conserve for posterity, a reminder of their role in screwing democracy. All they have done is to demonstrate for a public—which had still hoped it could rely on the law to right wrongs—that Law had been kidnapped by her guardians in a treacherous act of *bantay-salakay*. All they have done is to prove to the people democracy is dead, their institutions are dead, the dead have come to bury the living.

Marcos did that, Erap did that. They're gone now, thrown out by a people who defied the law to bring back Law, who went beyond the law to bring back Justice, who looked past the embalmer's craft to distinguish the living from the dead.

A test for the Supreme Court

SOUNDING BOARD

Fr. Joaquin G. Bernas, S.J.

"THE COMELEC SHOULD BE PERMANENTLY enjoined from entertaining or taking cognizance of any petition for initiative on amendments to the Constitution until a sufficient law shall have been validly enacted to provide for the implementation of the system."

Thus spoke the Supreme Court in 1997 through Santiago v. Comelec. But last Friday Raul L. Lambino and Erico B. Aumentado filed a petition with the Commission on Elections asking it to verify the alleged signatures supportive of the shift from a presidential to a parliamentary form of government and to schedule a plebiscite for the ratification of the proposed Charter changes.

What is so glaringly clear in the petition is that it totally ignores the Supreme Court decision commanding the Comelec not to entertain or take cognizance of any petition for initiative and referendum and to wait instead "until a sufficient law has been validly enacted." For the petitioners, the Supreme Court decision simply does not exist. Instead, the petition harps on the very provisions of Republic Act 6735 which the Supreme Court had declared to be insufficient and inadequate in substantive matters in a manner that is "fatal and cannot be cured" by empowering the Comelec to promulgate rules."

What is even more amazing is that the Palace hails this total disregard of the Davide Supreme Court decision as a laudable service to the nation. Will the appointees of the President in the current Supreme Court, out of gratitude, give their blessing to initiative and referendum?

In the past couple of months, whenever I am invited to say something about Charter change, I usually begin by saying that there are two ways of achieving it: the "wrong way" and the "right way," and that in our history the "wrong way" has triumphed at least twice.

By the "wrong way," I mean Charter change that is done in defiance of the existing Constitution. The first time it happened was in 1972-1973 when the 1973 Constitution replaced the 1935 Constitution. The Constitutional Convention of 1971 was overtaken by martial law in September 1972. The final days of the Convention were very much influenced by martial law. A final text was approved but was never presented to the people for ratification in a plebiscite. Instead, President Marcos declared that the new Constitution had been ratified by the people through the Citizens Assemblies.

When challenged before the Supreme Court, a majority of the justices said that the new document had not been validly ratified. But confronted by martial law and the fact that Congress had been dispersed, the Court, with neither money nor arms, could only say "there is no further judicial obstacle to the new Constitution being considered in force and effect."

When the Supreme Court declared that there was no further judicial obstacle to the new Constitution being considered in force and effect, it had no real choice. A contrary declaration would not have changed the mind of President Marcos. And Marcos had the military behind him.

The second time that the "wrong way" triumphed was in 1986. The 1973 Constitution which had so ingloriously come into force ended equally ingloriously. The People Power revolution drove away President Marcos, the architect of the 1973 document and subsequent amendments. President Aquino did not pretend to be following the 1973 Constitution; she openly admitted that she was defying it. She next hastened to cause the drafting of a new Constitution which was overwhelmingly ratified by the electorate on Feb. 2, 1987.

Aquino's revolutionary government reorganized the Supreme Court. Those who chose to join the reorganized Court were clearly in agreement with the People Power revolution and clearly would not destroy the foundation of their authority. The "wrong way" came to be accepted as the "right way."

In my view, the current drive for initiative and referendum is a "wrong way." I say this for two principal reasons. First, the Supreme Court has categorically stated that there is as yet no enabling law and that the Comelec should not "entertain" or "take cognizance" of any petition for initiative and referendum until a valid law is enacted. No valid law has been enacted. The provisions on constitutional amendment through initiative and referendum found in RA 6735 are dead and have been declared so by the Supreme Court with finality nine years ago. When a law is declared insufficient by the Supreme Court for want of sufficient standards, it means that the law is dead and a later Supreme Court cannot resuscitate it. To do so would be to exercise legislative power which the Court does not have.

Second, even if there were a law, what is being proposed now is not what the Constitution allows for initiative and referendum. Initiative and referendum can be used only for amendments—simple changes in individual provisions or simple additions. The shift to a parliamentary form of government from a presidential one, and to a unicameral legislative body from a bicameral one, is not an amendment but a revision. Such changes affect the entire constitutional structure of government. By constitutional command, revision can only be proposed by Congress or by a Constitutional Convention.

Nevertheless, can the wrong way triumph again? Ultimately, it will depend on the current Supreme Court.

In public fora, I have been asked how I think the current Supreme Court justices, almost all of whom are appointees of President Macapagal-Arroyo, would handle a petition for initiative and referendum. My usual answer is that I am convinced that the current justices know how they would like to be remembered by history.

Declaration of severance

KRIS-CROSSING MINDANAO

Noralyn Mustafa

LIKE MANY PEOPLE ACROSS THE COUNTRY, I stayed up for as long as I could to watch how Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's Congress would self-destruct. And it did. So ignominiously, I squirmed with embarrassment. The pro-administration congressmen played right into the trap so deceptively laid out by the opposition and thus sealed the fate of Ms Arroyo.

If anyone had any doubt as to whether or not she has a mandate, that doubt has been finally laid to rest.

But the immense relief I felt was rather short-lived. On early morning news, the Gestapo of the Girl From Brazil again issued frightening threats against dissenters and "destabilizers" who would dare exercise their constitutionally guaranteed freedom of expression through rallies—although I don't know how anyone can destabilize a mound of Jell-O.

Very seriously though, I refuse to continue submitting myself to the kind of governance that Ms Arroyo insists, at all costs, to impose on us. The age of despotism and absolutism is long gone.

I now hereby severe myself from any allegiance to the government of Ms Arroyo, which is distinct from the constitutionally mandated government of the Republic of the Philippines.

I now reaffirm my allegiance to the Sultanate of Sulu that, together with the Sultanate of Maguindanao, Sultanate of Liusong (Luzon) and the principalities of Rajah Sulaiman (now Metro Manila), Panay and Sugbu, once comprised the Kingdom of Maharlika.

I now, therefore, call on our brothers in the Moro Islamic Liberation Front to stop these silly negotiations with the government of Ms Arroyo. There is nothing to negotiate.

Our freedom? We have always been Maharlika, noble and free, free by virtue of nobility, not "freed slave" in the anomalous meaning they have written into their textbooks.

But they have also erased completely from the records and from memory that we, the Bangsamoro, were the first and the last to fight the invaders and colonizers; and the blood we shed was the price we had to pay to remain free—a fact attested to by our remaining Muslims.

Our ancestral lands? Why should we beg for what is rightfully ours? We are probably the only nation in the world that has an actual title to the lands we live in—the "Titulo de Propiedad" or Original Title 01-A, which covers the "Islas de Archipelago dela Maharlika," now known as the Philippine Islands. And this title was granted to Sultan Abdulazziz Rahmatullahi Abubakar, the first Sultan of Maharlika, ratified by the conquistadores themselves through their Royal Audiencia, and further validated by the Supreme Court of the Philippines.

Autonomy? This so-called national government is the autonomous government, not Maharlika which was established as a fully governing Islamic Kingdom in 1304, with its seat of government in this island where I live in. Strictly speaking, this national government is squatting on the lands of Maharlika.

This is what Ferdinand Marcos wanted to tell everyone. But no one listened. Everybody laughed at him instead. And he defied everyone of them when he built the Golden Mosque right beside Quiapo Church. They did not know that he was only trying to compensate for the fact that all Roman Catholic churches stand on Maharlika land, donated without our consent.

But, perhaps, people will listen now, because by right of succession, as a descendant of a Sultan of Sulu, and until we have proclaimed to the world, in particular to the Organization of Islamic Conference and the Asean the rightful Sultan of Maharlika, the Emir Osama bin Laden is the steward of these lands and the treasures therein.

Stewardship—that is what Islamic governance is all about. Stewardship is conferred upon a person through common consent. Which is why Marcos became the ad interim steward, or trustee and later, administrator of the more than 480,000 metric tons of gold nuggets which, in 1949, he retrieved from Spain where it was hidden during World War II. He then loaned these without interest to the Philippine government so it could meet the international requirement of gold reserves needed to set up a central bank.

Later, however, as Senate president, he raided the Central Bank accompanied by soldiers, and in the presence of bank officials, took over 80,000 metric tons of gold, loaded the loot into armored vehicles and shipped them abroad.

Why? To get them off the hands of then President Diosdado Macapagal who, Marcos was tipped off, wanted to use them as collateral for a huge loan to finance a massive land reform program that was to be the centerpiece of his administration. Sounds familiar?

Marcos was already a millionaire when he was made administrator of this incredibly enormous wealth. All those I interviewed agreed that there was no indication that he squandered all that gold. It was deposited in scores of foreign banks, the proceeds of which were invested in corporations abroad.

Corazon Aquino would not even allow Marcos, a great Maharlika, to be buried where his widow, Imelda Marcos, wanted to lay him to rest as befitted his stature. Among us Muslims, as much as possible, the dead are to be buried within 24 hours. If this is not possible, at the earliest possible time. We do not, under any circumstances, punish the remains of a person for wrongs he may have committed in his lifetime. The moment he breathes his last, he returns to Allah, who alone has the right to judge him.

President Estrada, another Maharlika, wanted to rectify this. When Ms Arroyo grabbed power from him and jailed him, she revived the culture of hatred and vengeance, which has marked her fraudulent administration from the beginning.

And now she and her son Mikey speak of reconciliation?

Text me when President Erap has returned to Malacañang.

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Pluck yourselves

THE LONG VIEW

Manuel L. Quezon III

PRESIDENT PROCLAIMS NATIONAL CALAMITY. Archbishop Oscar Cruz wonders why it took two years for the President to notice.

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Oil spill kills sea creatures and birds. Jovito Palparan says there will always be collateral damage.

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Oil spill occurs on Subic coast. Norberto Gonzales says there is a plot. Romeo Intengan writes a paper suggesting the immediate detention of birds and sea turtles who do not have *cedulas*.

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Malacañang appeals for chicken feathers and human hair to help mop up oil spill. Public appeals to anti-impeachment congressmen to lead by example and go pluck themselves.

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Top 600 women of civil society send feather dusters (used) and 60 tons of hair (from maids) in response to Palace appeal. Delivery ends up late as "*señora* had to go get hot oil treatment and forgot to make *utos* to the driver."

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Angelo Reyes suggests that bacteria be used to clean up oil spill. House of Representatives passes a resolution to protest. Speaker Jose de Venecia appeals for congressmen to be respected and for the executive to respect separation of powers.

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Representatives Proceso Alcala, Teodoro Locsin, Jacinto Paras, Arthur Pingoy, Antonino Roman, Hans Christian Señeres and Rodante Marcoleta initially oppose resolution, insisting on exploring bacteria option. Then they change their minds.

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Representatives Joseph Abaya, Rodolfo Bacani, Robert Ace Barbers, Rozzano Biazon, Erico Fabian, Arnulfo Fuentebella, Robert Jaworski, Clavel Martinez, Alfonso Umali and Cynthia Villar object, but make themselves absent at the voting.

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Representatives Edmund Reyes and Hermilando Mandas also object, appear for the voting, but don't vote.

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Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago asks for investigation in aid of legislation, to determine if "fungus-faces" can be used in lieu of bacteria. House of Representatives appeals for inter-parliamentary courtesy.

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Manila Hotel reportedly full of local government officials in advance of Sigaw ng Bayan move. Pure coincidence!

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Malacañang says referendum by December and it's time to use controversial counting machines. Pure coincidence!

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Sigaw ng Bayan holds pre-submission rally at Rizal Memorial. Wanted to rally at Rizal Monument in Baguio City, but it's too far from Comelec main office. Jose Rizal issues statement saying despite presidential vow in Baguio and Sigaw rally in Manila, he has not changed his name to Jose Pidal.

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Representatives of the Office of the President and the Office of the Press Secretary attend Sigaw rally to prove there's no government support behind the effort.

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House leaders call for country to respect the rule of the majority. Sigaw ng Bayan takes pride in 12 percent of Filipinos supporting them; 88 percent of Filipinos wonder if Sigaw bothers to talk to the House. No wonder Speaker De Venecia prefers Con-Ass.

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House, during impeachment, asked for adherence to rule of law. Lito Lorenzana of the Charter Change Advocacy Commission, in response to legal questions, replies: "Who can question a moral and spontaneous surge of collective action that goes beyond the legal boundaries?"

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Randy David asks Lorenzana, if that's so, why was he arrested for trying People Power? Lorenzana waves check for government per diem in David's face. Before David can reply, Rep. Rodolfo Antonino files bill to criminalize the statement "having your cake and eat it, too" for being subversive.

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Some local officials were spotted anyway at Sigaw rally. Mike Defensor says "it was the local officials' photographs, but it wasn't the local officials who were photographed."

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Pressed on the matter, ULAP members say their attendance at rally was a "lapse in judgment." Asked to explain further, they say "impeach us."

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Informed that local officials can't be impeached, they reply, "In that case, let's move on."

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Rowena Bengzon asked why they criticize bishops. Points to Sigaw ad: "Our name is Legion, for we are many." Last time that line was used, Jesus ended up casting demons into pigs that committed suicide.

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Benjamin Abalos asked what potential referendum question will be. Replies, "Pancit or fried chicken?" Just like 1973? Abalos changes the subject: "This *lutong macao* is delicious."

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Virgilio Garcillano says he is "Born Again" and wants to be a math professor. Says he discovered he could make ends meet tutoring Lambino on mathematics.

Need for partnership in education reform

COMMENTARY

Natalie Christine Virata Jorge

BUILDING EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIPS IS CRUCIAL IN addressing the many issues in Philippine education. Ultimately, the quality of education in this country is everyone's concern. As such, it is important to get more people involved in education oriented-initiatives, not in isolation but in concert with one another.

Arguably, such initiatives are most effective at the local level and, in this regard, communities have an important role to play in organizing themselves for meaningful reforms. One important way communities can participate actively in improving the public education system is by monitoring local school boards and requiring transparency in their activities. It should be recalled that the board's traditional function is that of an administrator of the special education fund. This fund is used for school-building maintenance and other activities but is not enough to cover the requirements of the public school system.

Because of the role that local chief executives and school district representatives play on the board, some have opined that local school boards have become politicized. Others question the projects for which the special education fund has been used. Whether true or not, it is clear that if managed properly and monitored by the community, the fund can be put to good use; not only that, the local school board itself can be made to work more effectively.

In fact, there are exemplary cases of local school boards that have begun to appreciate the importance of building stakeholders at the local level in order to address education-related issues. By way of example, the Naga City school board has realized that in order to become more effective as a school board it is necessary for provincial, city and municipal school divisions and districts to be more open to partnership and collaboration.

Early reports of the Education for All (EFA) initiative cite that the EFA program has been least effective during interventions requiring inter-sectoral and inter-agency cooperation. One recommendation was to look beyond the educational system and to strengthen bonds with present and potential partners. It also suggested strengthening the partnership among the LGU, the school and the community.

This can be achieved at the local level by tapping the potential of local school boards for education reform; yet this is a message that has to be relayed and understood by students, teachers and members of their immediate community. People have to move beyond accepted norms and stand up for their right to quality education and to actively participate in initiatives that work toward education reform.

Effective partnerships also engage the private sector, where many significant efforts to address the problems of education have originated. Eight years ago at the Asian Institute of Management, a series of education roundtable discussions with CEOs was held, leading to an Education Summit with government and private sector representatives participating. Two years ago, the Synergeia foundation organized an Education Congress participated in by a large number of private sector foundations and corporations in order to organize private sector efforts for education. This year alone, there have been numerous meetings that have been arranged by different organizations for education.

These initiatives help, but the situation is still far from ideal. In spite of considerable contributions from private entities, the sum of all these efforts does not exactly produce the results that our education system requires. Moreover, even without meaning to be so, it has been a problem that private sector initiatives suffer from being episodic, owing to the other programs and concerns that occupy their existing operations. Where this has not been the case, it has sometimes been observed that institutions tend to work independently and seemingly oblivious to other initiatives even in the areas of their immediate responsibility. This, however, is slowly becoming a thing of the past, as more and more groups have come to accept that if they are not careful, they might end up implementing the same projects, packaged differently. By working with each other as well as with the communities within which they are situated, systematic solutions may be found and addressed.

In the end it's not about who has the best programs for education: what matters is how different groups with the same goals can work together through partnerships for education. We can begin by empowering the teachers and communities through effective school boards and matching them with private sector solutions that demand key performance results instead of just focusing on the magnitude of what has been given.

To cite an example, the Bato Balani Foundation Inc. has organized its initiatives around the concept of "academic ecosystems," which create a system of partnerships among the community, the school and the local government. These academic ecosystems make use of "hub schools"—that is, private educational institutions with a tertiary school—as staging areas for the sharing of resources among nearby partner public and private schools, with the involvement of local officials and community members.

This program has certain characteristics in common with the education programs that the Synergeia Foundation has with the LGUs and the framework for community development of the Foundation for Worldwide People Power. Individually, each has already implemented programs that engage the community in education development. Looking forward, there is great room for partnership among these organizations and sectors. The partnership could effect much needed change within the educational system, beginning first at the community level.

There is no one way and no one perfect solution, however helpful, that can address the issues our education system faces. There is more to addressing the problems in Philippine education than just providing financial resources or physical infrastructure. It entails working together toward education reform.

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Punishing nursing examinees not the answer to leakage

MY CLASSMATES AND I ARE alarmed by the developments relative to the June 2006 nursing board examinations. We are graduates of St. Paul College-Manila, College of Nursing Class 1968. We abhor cheating! For this reason, we are saddened and disappointed over the reports about the cheating that tainted the recent nursing board examination.

While it is true that we do not condone cheating, we also cannot agree that those who passed the June 2006 exams should take the board exams again.

Let us put ourselves in the shoes of one them. Let's call this examinee Chris. She studied and prepared hard to pass the exam and join the nursing profession, which should help her become independent and at the same time enable her to help her family. If Chris takes the exam again, she will go through the same pressure she underwent last June. What if Chris fails this time?

How about another graduate who took the same exam and failed? He takes the exam again and this time he passes. Does this mean this graduate is a better nurse than Chris? This is what the Philippine General Hospital and St. Luke's Hospital are trying to tell us when they announced that they would make it difficult for the June 2006 successful examinees to be accepted for employment in their prestigious hospitals.

We feel that retaking the exams is not the solution. We are punishing the wrong people. And this can't be. Because again we are sending the wrong message to the innocent, successful examinees.

George Cordero and company have been blamed as culprits. Thanks, but who supplied the test questions to them? The "sources," together with Cordero et al., should be the ones punished, not the graduates who passed because they prepared well.

We just cannot understand why the schools, specifically the deans of nursing colleges of the successful examinees, do not stand up and defend their graduates who passed with clean slates. If these graduates cannot expect any support and loyalty from their own alma mater, where will they go to find these?

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Nothing shows GMA is serious

GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO'S announcement that her administration is serious in running after corrupt government officials is pure bravado and lip service.

Ms Arroyo should give us proof that she is determined to stamp out corruption. But, no! Take a look at the names mentioned in the Hello Garci tape. Where are they now? They have been rewarded and promoted to higher office. What a shame! No wonder the crooks in our midst are flourishing because the greatest crook of all time is their protector and promoter.

I feel sad and sorry for the majority of the Filipino people who, despite GMA's blatant abuse of power and countless wrongdoings, remain apathetic and indifferent, as if to be corrupt is to be on the right path.

Wake up, my fellow Filipinos. We are now running out of time. When good men do nothing, evil succeeds. Think not for yourselves but for your children and their children. Now is the time to act.

—PEPOYE CABATINGAN,
Naawan, Misamis Oriental

Let debate on shift of gov't remain in the realm of issues and ideas

I TAKE STRONG EXCEPTION TO the column titled, "Intellectual dishonesty or ineptitude?" of Solita Collas-Monsod. (PDI, 8/19/06)

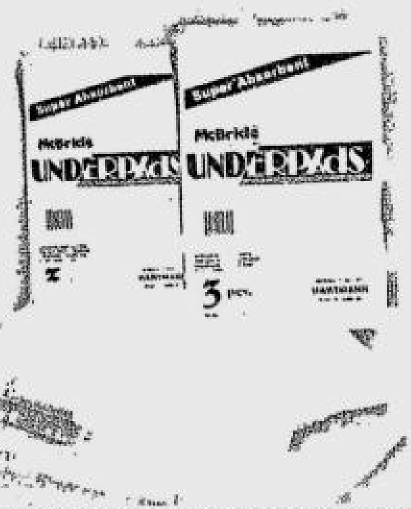
I believe the column was principally directed at me since Cristine G. Torres' paper, the basis for Monsod's column, referred for the most part to the arguments I advanced in my paper, "Should the Philippines Turn Parliamentary: The Challenges of Democratic Consolidation and Institutional Reform." I think Monsod does not do justice to the ongoing debate on the issue by resorting to ad hominem attacks, unfounded at that.

Citing "a case of intellectual dishonesty or sheer ineptitude," Monsod castigates me for my "use of the study (Stepan and Skach, 1993) as if it were gospel truth. And it is not as if they had no time to look at the literature: the critics of the Stepan and Skach study wrote between 1994 and 1997, while our local advocates were quoting from Stepan and Skach in 2002."

Well, if Monsod had applied the adeptness (of which she accused me and others of being bereft) to her column, she would have discovered that: (1) I wrote the above-mentioned paper and used the Stepan and Skach study in early 1994—not in 2002—as a requirement for a policy analysis exercise class at the John F. Kennedy School of Government in Cambridge, MA. (Monsod made a mistake of simply referring to the reader found in Torres' bibliography that was edited by Dr. Jose Abueva et al. and published in 2002, where my paper was included); and (2) Since my paper was written in early 1994, it could not have benefited from the critiques of the Stepan and Skach study mentioned in Torres' paper, which were published much later: Shugart (1995), Power and Gasiorowski (1997), Haggard (1997), Haggard and Kaufman (1995) and Mainwaring and Shugart (1997).

Nonetheless, I welcome Torres' critique of the position I took in my paper. In fact, I find a number of the points raised by Torres helpful in enriching and elevating the level of debate on the subject. I hope that as the debate intensifies, the critiques will remain within the realm of issues and ideas.

—FLORENCIO "BUTCH" ABAD



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Cha-cha advocacy a product of a lifetime of study and reflection

I HAVE BEEN A POLITICAL SCIENtist for 56 years—18 years of which I spent abroad studying and observing, and five years I spent teaching comparative government and politics. Since 1972, when I served as the secretary of the 1971 Constitutional Convention, I have been an advocate of parliamentary government. The elected delegates agreed to adopt this system after a year of thorough deliberations.

In my published studies and my talks on Charter change, I examine and report on the basic weaknesses of our presidential and unitary structure of government as actually practiced today and from a historical perspective. This is the primary basis of my research and advocacy. My reference to foreign studies is only secondary.

In her Aug. 19 column, Solita Monsod, a respected economist and a UP colleague, cited an article of a young political scientist in the University of the Philippines who erroneously suggested that, in arguing for the parliamentary government, I rely mainly on the study of Alfred Stepan and Cindy Skatch. Actually, I use it only as a secondary reference.

On the basis of this erroneous perception, Monsod eagerly suggested that I am guilty of either "intellectual dishonesty or ignorance/ineptitude."

Teka muna, Mareng Winnie, *masama yata ito.*

Why doesn't she first read my published articles on parliamentary government before commenting on them? For my views on the defects and disadvantages of our own presidential government and bicameral Congress, and the likely strengths and advantages of shifting to a unicameral parliamentary government, I rely on empirical data, analyses, observations, and testimonies—gathered in a lifetime of study and reflection.

Instead of unjustly labeling me on someone else's say-so, Monsod should leave it to her good husband, lawyer Christian Monsod, a co-author of the 1987 Constitution and the convenor of One Voice, to refute my findings and arguments. He can also explain his defense of our dysfunctional presidential system and his objections to the unicameral parliamentary government that we are championing through the people's initiative and a national plebiscite.

—JOSE V. ABUEVA,
UP professor emeritus
of Political Science and Public
Administration, and chair, 2005
Consultative Commission

Sustainability of GSIS fund of prime importance

ALLOW US TO COMMENT ON THE letter titled "GSIS pension stopped." (PDI, 8/21/06)

The monthly EC (Employees' Compensation) survivorship pension of the Government Service Insurance System is prescribed under Presidential Decree 626 or the Employees' Compensation and State Insurance Fund (SIF) Law. The GSIS is at present undertaking a review of the implementing guidelines in the payment of EC survivorship pension to ensure the payment of survivorship benefits to all qualified pensioners and to sustain the viability of the EC Insurance Fund (ECIF). Toward this end, the GSIS has adopted guidelines in the payment of the monthly EC survivorship pension, that is, the processing of initial/new eligible EC survivorship pensioners' payment of up to the guaranteed period of five years.

While this may seem like a bitter pill to the elderly survivors, we have to contend with this reality. The GSIS has to exercise prudence and stewardship with the fund it has been tasked to administer, at all times, taking into consideration the sustainability of the fund for the benefit of existing as well as future pensioners.

Rest assured that the GSIS conducts periodic reviews and studies on how to improve the services it provides its pensioners and the public it serves. We urge interested parties to feel free to communicate with us, should they have suggestions to better our service.

—VELLY N. LUCILO,
department manager 3,
GSIS, Financial Center, Pasay City

Malicious complaint against PLM officials

IN REFERENCE TO YOUR NEWS ITEM "Graft raps filed vs. PLM president, board of regents" (PDI, 8/18/06), allow me to put things in the proper perspective and clear up misimpressions:

1. The university president and the board of regents of the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila (PLM) have not officially been notified of any graft case filed by Dr. Ester D. Jimenez. We came to know about it only from the news report.

2. The complaint of Jimenez is false and malicious, intended perhaps to undermine the integrity and reputation of the university and its officials.

3. Jimenez's claim—that she was the former dean of the College of Tourism, Hotel and Travel Industry—has no basis. Her designation as such was not passed upon by the board and therefore could not have been ratified or confirmed. Moreover, the board and the president, after regular evaluation, decided that her qualifications as guidance specialist suited her best at the University Guidance Center.

4. The PLM University Code (Article 47) provides the president with the authority and power to appoint ad interim qualified persons to fill up vacant positions. Consequently, where the board has not elected a dean for a specific college, the president, exercising his best judgment, has the power to designate such person he deems qualified, subject to the approval of the board. Designating or relieving an acting dean of any college is a managerial prerogative of the president.

5. Jimenez is currently facing administrative and criminal cases filed by several PLM employees. After due investigation, she has been suspended.

The reference to the PLM president as being a "tyrant gone berserk" is preposterous, malicious and a manifestation of her utter disrespect of authority. Being the head of the institution, the president deserves some respect, to say the least. This action of Jimenez is a clear violation of the Code of Ethical Standards, and the Anti-Graft and Corruption Practices Act.

—MARITES A. BARRIOS-TARAN,
university legal counsel
and university and board secretary,
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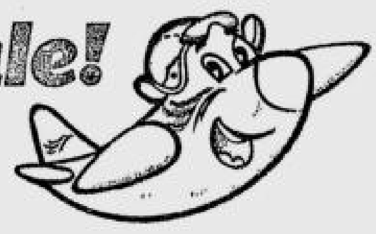

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Probers asked: How did test copies reach Baguio?

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be the PRC official in Baguio. Only that person could be the source of the leak in Baguio," said Abelardo Domondon, one of Cordero's two lawyers.

Cordero noted that a school in Baguio was among the top performers among schools with 100 or more examinees.

In contrast, he said his school, the Philippine College of Health and Sciences in Manila, registered a miserable 32-percent passing rate.

He said the mark was much lower than the school's 57-percent and 48-percent ratings in the June and December 2005 exams, respectively.

His son flunked

"My son also took the board exams and he flunked," he said.

Cordero denied the allegation made by an examinee at the Senate inquiry that he had shelled out P7 million to get advance copies of the tests from the PRC.

He said spending such an amount would have been ridiculous considering that his Inress Review Center had only 926 students, each paying P10,000. "How could I earn by spending P7 million when I only have a small number of students?"

Another serious allegation involved the "final coaching" session that Cordero had conducted for Inress reviewers at SM Manila before the board exams.

Cordero admitted that there had been such a session, but claimed there was nothing irregular about it. "It's an enhancement program and all other review centers usually do that."

He said around 2,500 questions covering the five areas of the exams were presented. Some of them were similar to those that appeared in the board exams, but only because "they came from the same books," he said.

Crafting exam questions

Domondon explained the intricate PRC procedure in crafting exam questions until these were transmitted and printed in 11 testing centers around the country. He said he used to be part of the PRC board for accountancy.

His explanation basically echoed that of the six-member Board of Nursing (BON) whose members appeared at the Senate investigation.

Domondon and Celia Valdez lawyer for the BON in the case filed at the PRC by one Rachel Cyndi Erfe and other nursing examinees from Baguio.

In their seven-page statement, the BON members said the five-part June exams followed the Test Question Databank System (TQDS), a software protected by a "source code" which has only three passwords.

"The PRC rules provide that there should be an initial 500 questions deposited in the TQDS by each board member for his/her assigned subject," the members said.

"At each subsequent examination, he/she shall deposit at least 300 additional questions in the test bank unit until it (meets) the ideal level of 3,000 questions/problems."

One question encoder

The BON members said only one of the examiners personally encoded the questions. The others had to be assisted by three PRC encoders who did the job a week before the June 11 and 12 exams, they added.

Two to three days before the exams, they said questions were "extracted" then printed at the 11 PRC testing centers.

"There was a premature release of the actual test question for Sets 3 and 4," the BON members admitted. "For whatever reasons, these sets were released in Baguio and found (their) way into the hands of the complainants who filed with the PRC a complaint against the entire Board of Nursing."

Domondon said that while the actual test had been leaked, "we were not the source."

Still, how come Cordero was being tagged as the mastermind of the leakage?

"It's all about professional jealousy," he claimed. "The accusations are all lies."

Politics

Without naming names, Cordero blamed politics within the PNA that purportedly frowned upon his "stature" in the international nursing community.

He said he used to be a board director of the Geneva-based International Council of Nurses, a federation of 129 nurses associations working mainly in the areas of professional practice, regulation and social economic welfare of nurses worldwide.

He claimed he was the only Filipino so far to be part of the organization.

"I'm hurting because I didn't do anything wrong, yet I'm being accused of so many things," he said in Filipino. "Worse, I'm known not only here but also in the international community. I can get my visa anywhere in five minutes."

"We're planning to file criminal and civil cases against whoever is liable. My name has been dragged down. I'm really ashamed in the world of nurses," he said.

Cordero said he resigned as PNA president if only to "preserve the integrity" of the nursing association.

"I didn't want the name of the PNA to be dragged down just because of this issue," he said.

NO RETAKE = JUSTICE

A NURSING graduate displays her placard as she shouts slogans during a rally in Manila. AP

Let passers take oath, schools appeal

By Joey A. Gabieta
Inquirer Visayas

TACLOBAN CITY—THE TWO NURSING schools in Eastern Visayas have asked the government to allow students from the region who passed the controversial nursing examination to take their oaths.

Dr. Antonio Lim, dean of the college of nursing of St. Scholastica's College of Health Science, and Erlita Peñaranda, dean of the college of nursing of the Remedios Trinidad Romualdez Medical Foundation (RTRMF), said there was no valid reason to require their students who passed the nursing board to take a new examination.

Many of the passers of the June tests in Western Visayas and Central Visayas had actually beat the temporary restraining order issued by the Court of Appeals on Aug. 17 and took their oaths as professional nurses on the same day or a day earlier at the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) offices in Cebu and Bacolod cities.

Both Lim and Peñaranda said their students passed the examinations without benefiting from any leakage.

"We are a Catholic school and have taught our students the virtue of honesty. To accuse these students of resorting to cheating or leakage is something deplorable," Lim told the INQUIRER.

Lim said that of the 91 graduates from St. Scholastica's who took the nursing examinations, 63 passed.

He said the reported leakage had jeopardized the chances of their graduates finding jobs.

Peñaranda said the RTRMF had shown a good track record in the nursing exams.

In the recent examinations, she said 115 of its graduates passed while only 18 failed.

"We abhor any form of cheating," she said.

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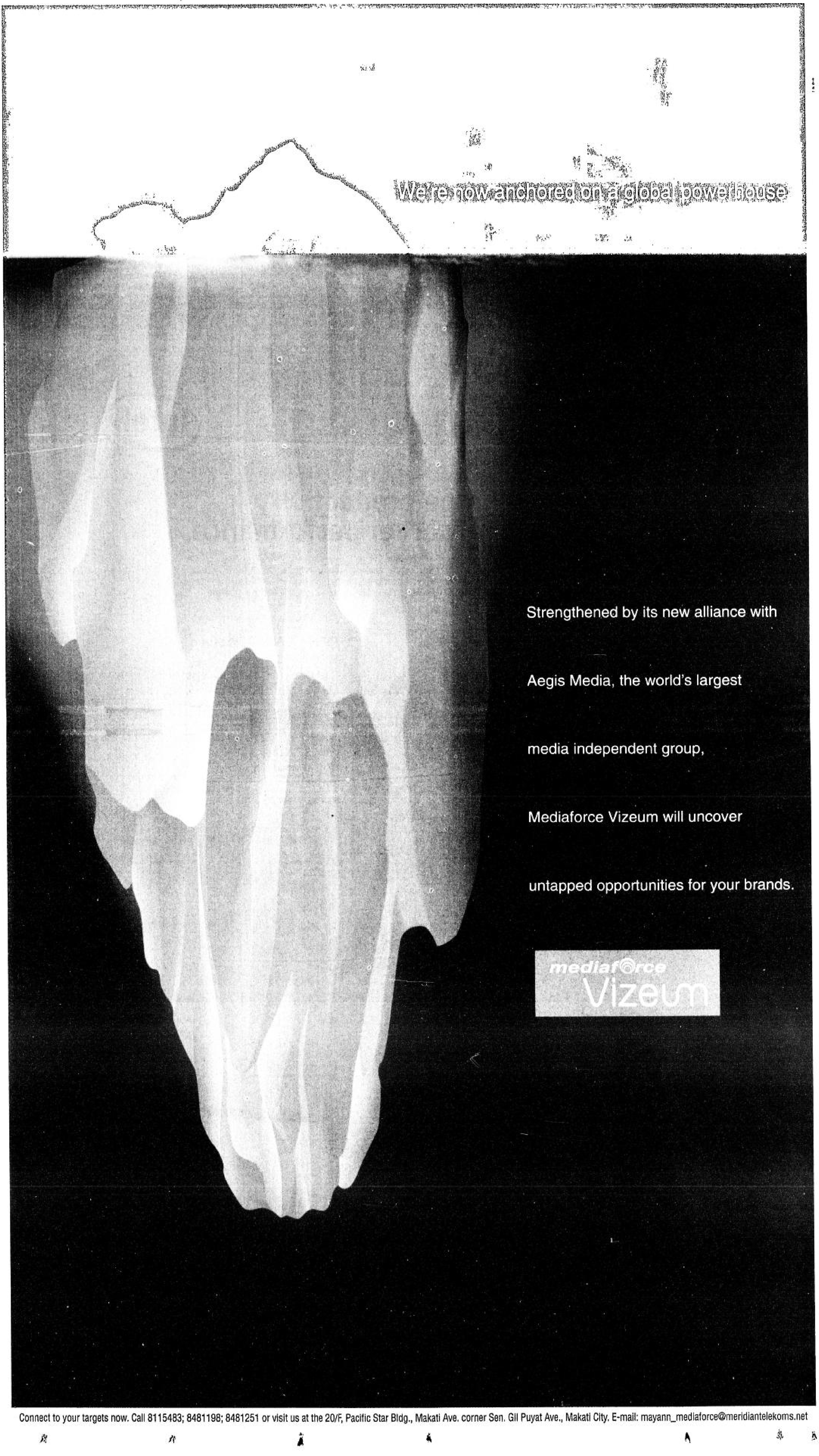
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Militants miss their nemesis who was 'funny, sophisticated'

By Luige A. del Puerto

QUEROL

RETIRED DIRECTOR VIDAL Querol's harshest critics say they miss the police general who more than once clashed with them on the streets.

Militants described Querol, who left the Philippine National Police on Aug. 13 on reaching the mandatory retirement age of 56, as a "funny guy" and an officer "with a sense of humor."

Fond of Querol

"We were fond of Querol. He was the only one in the entire PNP who made us laugh," said Gerry Albert Corpuz, spokesperson of the militant Pambansang Lakas ng Kilusang Mamamalakaya ng Pilipinas (Pamalakaya).

"He was often funny without intending to be. *Maayos kausap* (You could talk to him)," said Bagong Alyansang Makabayan secretary general Renato Reyes Jr.

"We had many criticisms of him (sic), but he kept the lines open and that was a good starting point," Reyes said, adding that he had yet to see that with the new head of the National Capital Region Police Office, Director Reynaldo Varilla.

Human side

The two activists' statements showed a human side to the often bitter, at times violent, confrontations between leftist militants and the police, and proved that even between people on opposite sides of the ideological fence, respect for each other's position was possible.

Corpuz's group had once labeled Querol the "grandmaster of story-telling" after the general had claimed a team of communist rebels was out to lob grenades in rallies during President Macapagal-Arroyo's last State of the Nation Address.

"We miss Querol. He was a character," said Corpuz, noting the officer's penchant for using uncommon Filipino words and for writing English poems on the side during his three-decade career in the uniformed service.

Filipino words

One time he described militants thus: *"Ang mga militante sa kanayunan ay mararahas at mabalasik."* (The militants in the countryside are violent and merciless.) *Kanayunan* and *mabalasik* are not your everyday Filipino words.

Querol was the Metro Manila Police chief at the time Malacañang implemented the controversial calibrated preemptive response (CPR) policy, which replaced the long-standing policy of maximum tolerance during street demonstrations.

Psy-war operator

CPR led to bloody clashes in the streets, earning for the President the militant's tag of "fascist."

Activists regarded Querol as one of Ms Arroyo's top "psy-war operators."

"There was no doubt about it, and he lived up to that expectation. He did it in his sophisticated and funny way, injecting a sense of humor into it," Corpuz said.

Other officers just kept a poker face, he said.

Quotable officer

A member of Philippine Military Academy Class of 1973, Querol was one of the more quotable police officers of his time, a fact acknowledged by his classmate, now PNP Director General Oscar Calderon.

Querol once averred the "No permit, no rally" policy under the CPR should be challenged "not under the heat of the sun but under the cold scrutiny of the courtroom."

Police assistance

Although she was bodily carried off by cops during a protest rally in Quezon City last March, Akbayan Rep. Risa Hontiveros-Baraquel was not being arrested but was simply being removed from harm's way was the way Querol put it.

"Who says she was being arrested? She was taken out of the rally site because of an impending dispersal," Querol had told reporters. "She was taken out of danger."

He also described the act of forcing Baraquel into an official vehicle as "police assistance."

Patented smile

During his last days in the service, Querol often visited the PNP Press Office, exchanging banter with reporters and playing solitaire when everybody else was busy typing up their stories.

Militants remembered his interview with Boy Abunda on ANC television a few days before he retired.

"Abunda asked him if he had had a mistress in the past. He neither confirmed nor denied it. He just said, 'There's no such thing as a mistress, only friends and lovers.' Then he flashed that patented Querol smile," Corpuz said.

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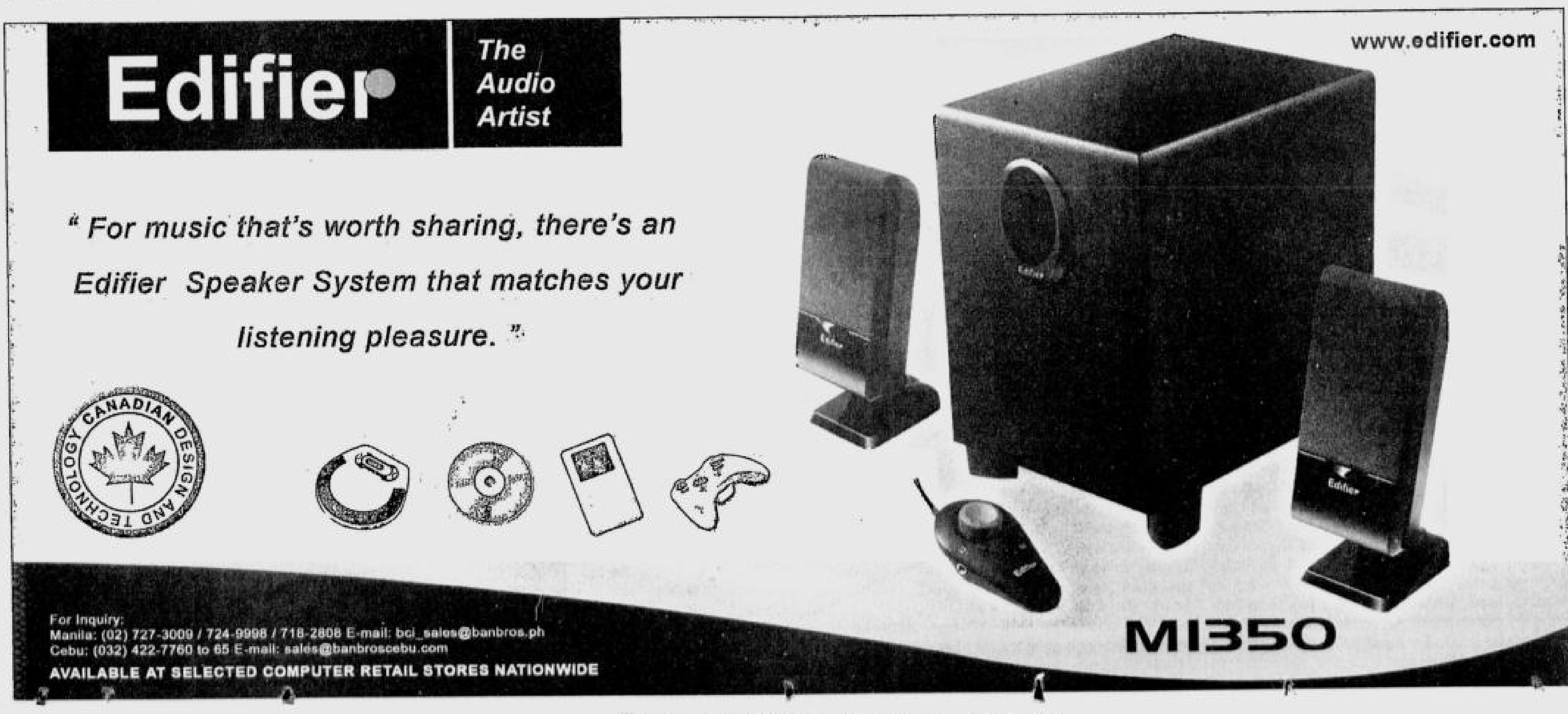

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Oil spill takes heavy toll on fish sales

By Hazel P. Villa
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NUEVA VALENCIA, GUIMARAS—FISH VENDOR Isidro Flores lazily gazed at motorists and villagers passing by the Igang Public Market here, vainly hoping that he would be able to sell some fish to the crowd on their way home from the Salvacion Elementary School that President Macapagal-Arroyo visited on Saturday for a meeting with the National Disaster Coordinating Council.

Despite an advisory from the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) that fish caught off the waters of Guimaras are perfectly safe to eat because fish swim deeper or away from the oil spill, no one is buying.

"They are all still scared of the bunker fuel oil that may be found in the fish," said the 64-year-old occasional fisherman.

He said BFAR emphasizes to the residents of Guimaras and Iloilo that their laboratory tests showed there were no residues of bunker fuel oil found in fish caught off the waters of northern Iloilo and Guimaras and it was perfectly fine to eat them.

Presidential Management Staff chief Arthur Yap said Saturday that an estimated 15 percent of the 2 million liters of bunker fuel is believed to have leaked from the hold of oil tanker MT Solar I that sank off the waters of southern Guimaras on Aug. 11.

Hardest hit were the towns of Nueva Valencia, Sibunag, and San Lorenzo in Guimaras. Affected in northern Iloilo were the towns of Ajuy, Concepcion and Barotac Nuevo.

Misconceptions regarding "poisoned fish" have hurt the sale of fish vendors in this town that has plummeted by 50 percent, said Flores.

What fish he sells for P80 to P90 a kilo now go for P50 and still there are no takers, said Flores as other vendors milled around him, nodding their agreement.

A FISH vendor in Iloilo City holds dried fish that she says are guaranteed safe from the oil spill in Guimaras.

ARNOLD ALMACEN/INQUIRER VISAYAS

"The fishermen go to sea at a cost of P200. They get three to five kilos of fish, which they sell to us for P60 a kilo. At the rate things are going, they'd rather stay put," said the fish vendor.

"People here won't even buy fish even if it came from waters in Iloilo with no oil spill," said Rogelio Galatin, barangay captain of Barangay Dolores, one of the areas now undergoing clean-up operations.

Capiz board OKs ₱200,000 allocation for Guimaras

By Felipe V. Celino
Inquirer Visayas

ROXAS CITY—THE PROVINCIAL board of Capiz on Friday approved a P200,000 financial aid to Guimaras province that has been devastated by the worst oil spill that has hit the country.

The oil spill, caused by the sinking of oil tanker MT Solar 1, has already destroyed more than 200 kilometers of coastline, hundreds of mangrove swamp, and a marine reserve.

The tanker, owned by Sunshine Maritime Development Corp., was loaded with 2 million liters of bunker fuel belonging to Petron Corp. and was on its way to Zamboanga when it sank off Guimaras Island on Aug. 11.

Gov. Vicente Bermejo requested the board to approve the release of the financial aid amid reports that other provinces were also planning to give assistance to Guimaras. The League of Provinces has earlier approved a P500,000 aid to Guimaras.

Roxas City also planned to give assistance to Guimaras. The city council of Roxas passed a resolution last Thursday asking Mayor Antonio del Rosario to allocate any amount as financial aid to Guimaras.

The mayor said he would discuss with the city officials how much the amount would be and where to send the donation.

Board member Jose Escolin Jr. also requested business establishments in Capiz to also do their share by donating oil-absorbent products such as sacks, corn husks, hair, among others. These oil-absorbent items will be used for the cleanup of the oil spill in Guimaras.

Board member Rommel Lastimoso has asked concerned government agencies to meet and discuss ways to prevent the spread of the oil spill to Capiz. He said the fishing industry in Capiz, the seafood capital of the Philippines, would be greatly affected should the oil spill reach it.

The oil slick has reached certain parts of northern Iloilo and continues to threaten Negros Occidental.

Labor feud at pineapple firm alarms growers

POLOMOLOK, SOUTH COTAbato—Workers of pineapple giant Dole Philippines (Dolefil) here have threatened to go on strike following failed collective bargaining agreement (CBA) negotiations.

But Dolefil said it would have to temporarily stop its operation if its laborers push through with the strike.

The dispute involving the company and the laborers, who are affiliated with the National Federation of Labor Unions-Kilusang Mayo Uno (Naflu-KMU), has alarmed residents and Dolefil contract growers.

"How could we pay our bank loans if the company would stop operation? The pineapple growers were worried their lands used as collaterals in the loans would be foreclosed by the banks," Billy Baitus, a grower, said.

Dolefil has contracts with hundreds of growers here to produce 260,000 tons of pineapple per year, in addition to its farm produce of 517,600 tons of pineapple.

Growers also supply 28,000 kilograms of papaya to the fruit company.

The operation of Dolefil has spurred the economic development of this town and nearby areas. Many residents, Baitus said, depend on the company for livelihood.

So on Saturday, even as Dolefil laborers were finalizing their plans for a strike, about 7,000 residents and growers held a peace caravan in a bid to convince the laborers and Dolefil to settle their dispute amicably.

They were also joined by other Dolefil employees.

But Naflu-KMU said the negotiations were over and that the only option left for them is to go on strike.

Jose Teruel, Naflu-KMU chair, said he was optimistic the union, with about 5,000 members, could muster enough votes needed to stage the strike planned on Sept. 15.

He said the union tried its best to settle disagreements with Dolefil through peaceful means, but the management has taken a hard stance against their demand of 16-percent increase in wages.

An average Dolefil employee receives P350 per day.

Jonamy Dell Catapang, Dolefil communications supervisor, declined to issue further comment saying the management wanted to the keep issue internal. *Aquiles Z. Zonio, Inquirer Mindanao*

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DUTY

A worker goes about his duty helping remove by hand a massive oil spill that spread bunker fuel to pristine waters and covered marine resources with sludge in Guimaras.

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N. Vizcaya execs hounded by talk of bribery over STL

By Melvin Gascon
Inquirer Northern Luzon

BAYOMBONG, NUEVA VIZcaya—The allegations of bribery continue to haunt members of the provincial board here following the approval of a resolution allowing the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office to operate Small Town Lottery in the province.

Board members interviewed by the INQUIRER said some of their colleagues have started to complain that they have not been given their "reward" for approving the resolution.

"They felt cheated. The people who promised them all sorts of things are now passing the buck," a board member said, showing to the INQUIRER text messages sent to him by some of his colleagues.

By a vote of 7-2 with four abstentions, the 13-member Sangguniang Panlalawigan on Wednesday approved a resolution to allow STL operations here.

The approval proceeded amid reports that the officials were offered P30,000 each for endorsing the measure.

The board's latest decision was a complete turnaround from its position in April, when it passed a resolution asking the PCSO to spare the province from the test run of STL.

"Gambling, in any form is anti-economic, anti-social and inimical to the well-being of the family as it results in economic dislocation and delinquency among children," the board said in its earlier resolution.

"Some of the board members are now disgusted that they are having a hard time getting their share," another board member said.

Sought to comment on the bribery allegations, some board members said they did not know about any offer. Others did not respond to the INQUIRER's calls and text messages.

Reports said Cesar Palma, who is eyeing to operate STL here, went to the board members' houses to seek their support for his application for endorsement.

But Palma denied reports that he bribed the officials so they would endorse his franchise.

He called the charges "malicious fabrications."

"The approval of the STL resolution was the means thought of by the local government to stop the operations of jueteng in the province. No money was ever spent in order to pass a measure [that the board members] have long wanted," he said.

On Sunday, Catholic Bishop Ramon Villena denied claims of board members who supported the STL operation that while the bishop was opposed to jueteng, he was, however, in favor of the government-sanctioned lottery.

"Whoever said that I am in favor of STL is lying," Villena said in a statement over Church-run radio station dwRV.

Cops nab 3 in bank robbery, recover ₱4M in loot

CALAMBA CITY—POLICE ARrested three men, including the alleged mastermind, who were suspected of being behind a bank robbery here in separate operations on Saturday, police said on Sunday.

Police also recovered P4.2 million of the P5 million loot in Sorsogon.

Senior Supt. Gil Blando Lebin, CIDG-Calabarzon chief, identified the arrested suspects as Randel Monarez, officer in charge of the Blue Eagle Security Inc., and Peter Tagalogon, security guard of Thunderbird Security Services.

Supt. Roland Bustos, Calamba police chief, said they also arrested Reynante Pura, brother of another suspect Marvin Pura, in a follow-up operation in Sorsogon City.

Marvin Pura, the bank's security guard when the robbery happened, remains at large.

Lebin said Monarez was arrested while on duty at the Waltermart Mall in Barangay Real at around 5 p.m., Saturday.

He said the suspect at first denied his involvement in the robbery at East-West Bank on Tuesday night but did not resist arrest.

Monarez's arrest came shortly after Tagalogon was apprehended at the Manila Domestic Airport moments before he was about to board a plane flight to Zamboanga City.

Police recovered P200,000 from him which, Lebin said, could be part of the loot.

Supt. Flaviano Baltazar, chief of the CIDG-Laguna, said they arrested Monarez after Tagalogon owned up to robbing the bank and pointed to Monarez as the one who planned the heist.

"Apparently, it was Monarez who talked to Pura and planned out the bank robbery," Baltazar told the INQUIRER.

Bustos said they would file charges against the three today.

He said the heist should serve as a lesson to establishments hiring the services of security agencies as well as to the security company hiring security guards.

"Maybe the security agencies should be stricter in hiring people. They should also closely monitor their records in the respective communities they belong," Bustos said.

Police records showed that it was Pura who let an armed man inside the bank at around 10 p.m. Tuesday while four bank employees were busy counting the day's collection.

Once inside, Pura and his cohort locked up three of the employees inside the kitchen while they ordered bank teller Maureen Martinez to open the vault.

The suspects then put the money, amounting to about P5 million, inside a bag and went outside the establishment.

They boarded a waiting motorcycle driven by another man and sped toward nearby Cabuyao town.

Bustos said Pura had been with the bank for a year.

"The employees said they even treated him (Pura) like a brother," Bustos said in a text message to the INQUIRER.

Police recovered more than P4 million said to be part of the loot taken during the East-West bank heist.

Senior Supt. Joel Regondola said operatives of the Sorsogon Police Provincial Office led by Supt. Leonidas Castillo, chief of the SPPO Investigation Division, recovered the loot buried beside the house of suspect Marvin Pura in Sorsogon City last Friday.

Castillo said the Calamba police, whose chief of police was his classmate at the Philippine National Police Academy, sought their assistance after it was discovered that Pura was a native of Sorsogon. *Marlon Ramos and Bobby Q. Labalan, Inquirer Southern Luzon*

Chavit wants BCDA execs probed on Poro Pt.

VIGAN CITY—ILOCOS SUR GOV. LUIS "Chavit" Singson has urged authorities to investigate officials of the Bases Conversion Development Authority for supposedly protecting the operator of the Poro Point seaport in San Fernando City in La Union.

On Friday, Judge Robert Cawed of the regional trial court of San Fernando issued an injunction stopping the BCDA and the Philippine Ports Authority from operating the Poro Point seaport.

The PPA on Aug. 5 took over the operations of the seaport from Poro Point Industrial Corp. (PPIC) after the Department of Environment and Natural Resources stopped PPIC's operations due to the firm's lack of an environmental compliance certificate.

PPIC officials, however, were able to secure a temporary restraining order and an injunction from the court.

Singson, in a telephone interview on Sunday, said he wanted an investigation of BCDA officials who would be found protecting the interest of PPIC instead of the government's.

An agency under the BCDA, the Poro Point Management Corp. (PPMC), that runs the Poro Point, is headed by a cousin of Singson.

The governor, however, did not identify these officials. But in a visit to the INQUIRER last week, he identified BCDA president Narciso Abaya as the one conniving with PPIC.

Abaya earlier said PPIC's 25-year contract to run the seaport was valid.

Singson said he would resign as governor if he would be proven wrong that the government was in a disadvantageous position in its contract with PPIC.

"We should do all [things necessary] to protect the interest of the government, not the [interest of a] few individuals and companies," Singson said.

He said the P50 million that PPIC pays the government yearly is so small as the company earns an average of P50 million a month.

"There is no development at the seaport. They are just using it as a milking cow," he said.

PPIC lawyer Brigido Dulay, in a phone interview, said he was not sure of the amount that his firm was paying the government.

"But whatever the figure is, the point is the amount paid to the government is what [is stated in the] contract. That's the contract amount so even if PPIC earns more, it would pay that [specified] amount," Dulay said.

Singson said he also wanted Cawed investigated because the judge issued the TRO and injunction "without due process."

The governor questioned why the case filed by PPIC against various government agencies involved in the operations of the seaport was not raffled off but assigned to Cawed.

Dulay said all parties involved in the case were given a chance to present evidence and Cawed merely ruled on the basis of evidence offered.

"So how can they say we (PPIC) were favored?" asked Dulay.

"If the ruling was against us, we will follow [it]. But the question is, will they also follow [the ruling]?" he said.

Dulay disputed Singson's claim that the case was not raffled off.

"There was a raffle committee so how can they say that the case was not raffled off? We could not have planned to give the case to [Cawed]," he said.

Singson reiterated that he had no hand in the takeover. of the seaport and dismissed reports that he was interested in its operations.

He said his province had its own international seaport, the Port Salomague in Cabugao town, so he would not be interested in running Poro Point.

"Besides, I don't have any import-export business. My only obligation is to inform the government about what is happening at the [Poro Point] seaport, that there's no development in the port. If I don't report it, I may be accused also of protecting PPIC," Singson said.

Malacañang has ordered the temporary closure of the seaport and diverted all cargo vessels to the Subic Bay Freeport and other seaports in the country, pending the resolution of the case by the Court of Appeals.

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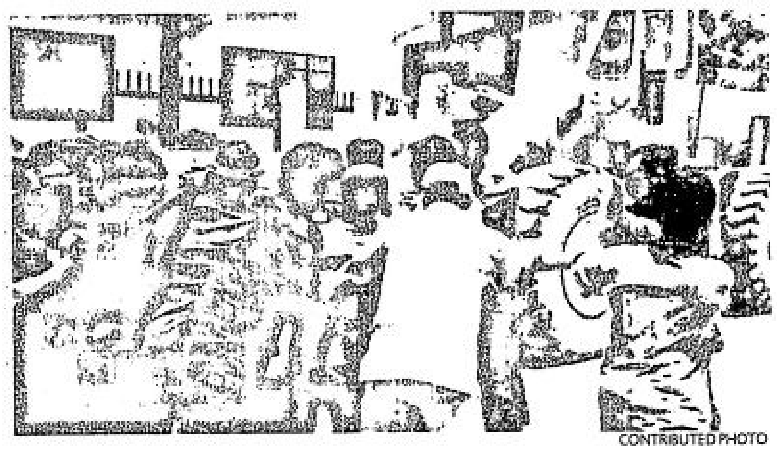

A SCUFFLE at the Poro Point seaport during the violent takeover of the port by government agents

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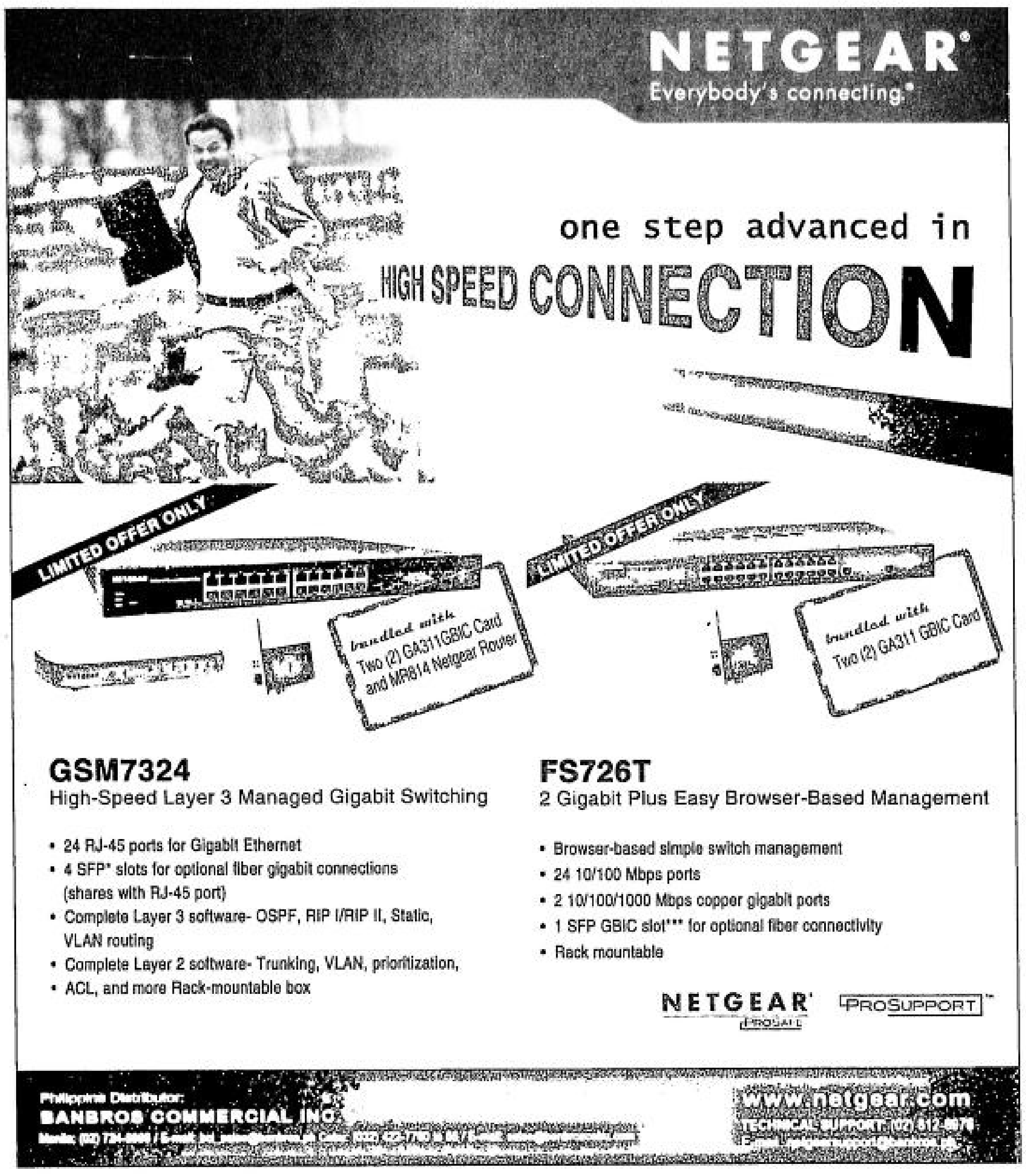

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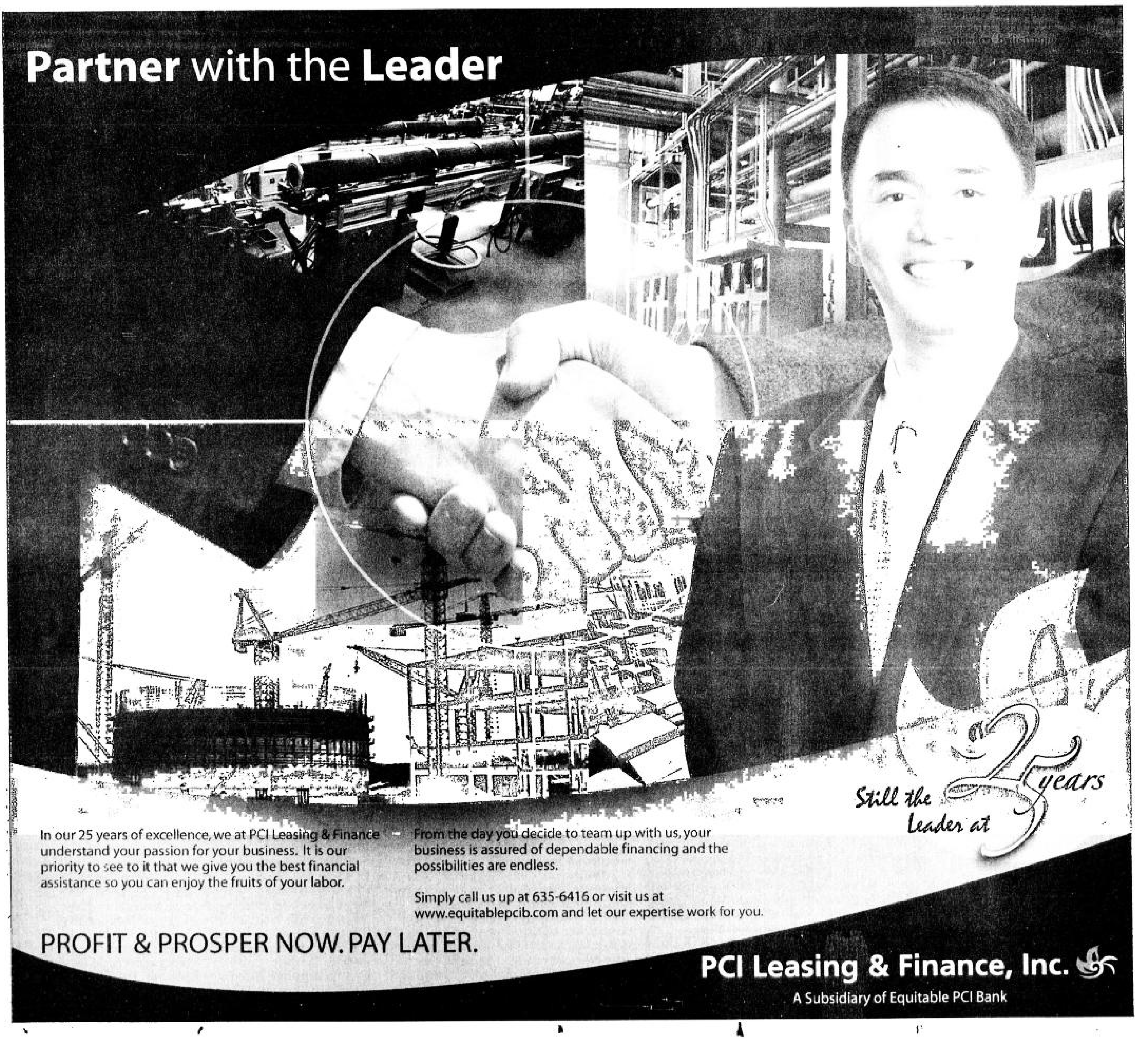

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Baguio mayor's suspension gets push from Palace

BAGUIO CITY—MAYOR BRAULIO Yaranon on Saturday said Malacañang has decided to let him serve two consecutive six-month suspension orders for encouraging Baguio motorists, through a series of administrative orders, to stop paying parking fees to a private parking firm.

Yaranon said Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita has denied his appeal and has ordered the Department of the Interior and Local Government to execute the suspension orders which were released in June.

Yaranon, a former regional trial court judge, said his next legal option is to secure an injunction from the Court of Appeals.

Ermita's suspension orders sparked a division among Malacañang officials, and forced Secretary Silvestre Afable Jr. to resign in protest as Cabinet officer for regional development (CORD) in the Cordillera on July 8.

But Afable, who also heads the government panel in the peace talks with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, stayed on his CORD post after President Macapagal-Arroyo talked him out of it.

The denial of Yaranon's appeal was reportedly issued on Aug. 22 but the mayor said he was only alerted about it on Aug. 24. He said he has yet to receive a copy of the DILG order.

Yaranon said he would perform his functions as city mayor until he receives a copy of the order executing his suspension.

He said the only argument he made when he filed a motion for reconsideration was that "mayors are equally mandated to ignore laws that violate the Constitution."

Ordinance 003 issued in 2000 legalized a memorandum of agreement with then Mayor Mauricio Domogan that made the Jadewell Pay Parking Corp. the administrator of the city's pay parking operations. Jadewell had initially offered to sell the city government automated parking meters it imported from Europe.

But the city council last week voted to withdraw the ordinance and has started proceedings to rescind its contract with Jadewell.

The councilors cited a 2003 report of the Commission on Audit, which found anomalies in the contract and its implementation.

Councilor Edilberto Tenefrancia said the most glaring violation of the contract was Jadewell's failure to obtain legal deputization for its employees before they can collect parking fees or tow vehicles.

"Jadewell could not get this authorization because national traffic laws and the 1987 Constitution only grant law enforcers this right," said Yaranon.

Norma Tan, Jadewell operations manager, said the firm's lawyers were certain a deputization was no longer necessary because the firm's ultimate legal guarantee is Ordinance 003-2000.

The city council on Wednesday voted to rescind the contract of a private on-street pay parking firm, which caused the suspension of Yaranon.

During a special session on Wednesday, majority of the councilors pushed for the rescission of a 12-year management contract that was awarded to Jadewell Pay Parking Corp. owned by Laguna businessman Rogelio Tan Jr.

Both a regional trial court and the Court of Appeals had prevented the council from proceeding with a rescission in 2002.

But Councilor Edilberto Tenefrancia said a Commission on Audit report justified the government's action because it cited substantial anomalies in the way the contract was enacted and enforced.

Tenefrancia was lead counsel for the government when it sued Jadewell in court three years ago.

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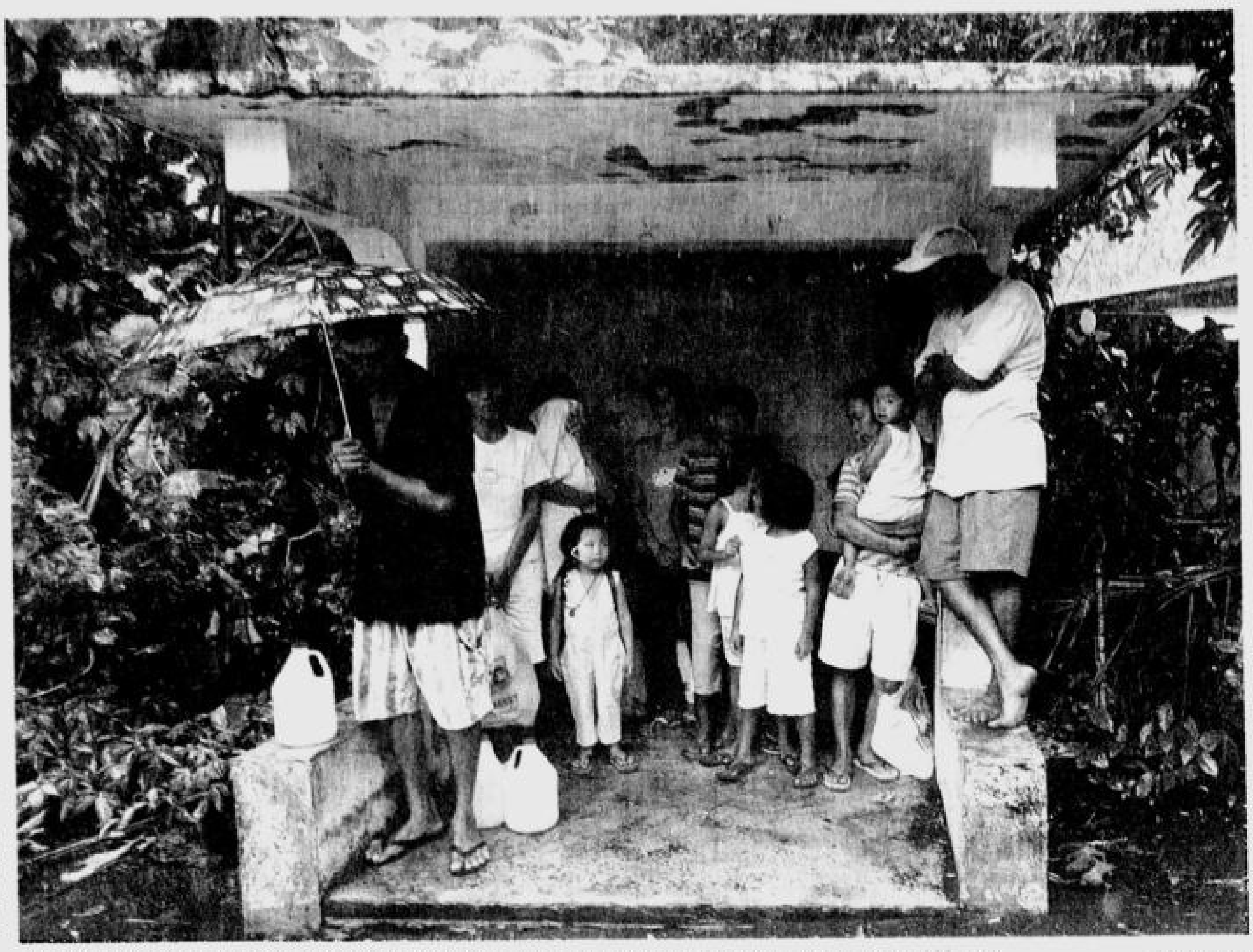

A CONCRETE waiting shed provides temporary shelter to a group of evacuees from communities around Mayon. EDWIN BACASMAS

Schoolkids' performance hampered by evacuation

By Ephraim Aguilar
Inquirer Southern Luzon

LEGAZPI CITY—PUPILS HAVE NOT BEEN performing well in public schools being used as temporary shelters for Mount Mayon evacuees as they have to learn lessons in shortened class periods and crowded rooms.

After some 43,000 villagers were moved to the schools from the volcano's danger zones, education officials implemented an "emergency class plan" that divided classes into morning and afternoon shifts.

Cynthia Balaguer, an English and Mathematics teacher and officer in charge at the Albay Central School, observed a slump in the performance of her Grade 4 pupils.

Almost 25 percent of her 35 pupils failed the periodical exams given recently, she said.

"The performance of my pupils really declined. They did better in the short quizzes than in the periodical test. The main factors that affected the learning of the pupils were the sudden changes in their environment and the adjustments we had to make after the evacuation," Balaguer said.

Out of the 72 rooms at the Albay Central School, 35 were used as evacuation shelters. The remaining rooms had to be shared by all the 63 classes or 2,651 elementary pupils in two shifts.

"Some of the rooms were not conducive to learning since they were smaller than the original rooms. My class and I had to use our small library for our classes, and because of that, the library service could only be used by other students during vacant hours," Balaguer said.

She added that she had to discuss the lessons fast since classes were shortened to half a day.

"Math has to be taught only for 40 minutes instead of at least an hour," she said.

Balaguer, who is also the school's guidance counselor, said it was unavoidable for some of the school facilities to be damaged as 358 families or 1,535 persons from Barangay Matanag, 8.25 km from the crater, were moved there.

"Some of the wooden windows and chairs were already broken. Some of our instructional materials were either missing or destroyed. We will just fix things up after this disaster," she said.

On Saturday, lava continued to ooze out of Mayon's summit which resulted in 302 tremor episodes due to the collapse of lava fragments on the slopes, the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology said.

A total of 24 volcanic earthquakes were recorded, indicating continuous movement of magma inside the volcano.

Sulfur dioxide emission rate lowered to 2,438 tons per day, from Friday's 5,401 tons, but the volume was still far above the normal 500 tons daily.

According to Phivolcs, the 2,462-meter Mayon was still exhibiting mild eruptions. Alert level 4 remained hoisted.

Insurgency won't hamper Quezon trade, says exec

LUCENA CITY—DESPITE THE INSURGENCY situation and incessant media accounts on armed encounters between government troopers and New People's Army guerrillas in different parts of the province, the business investment trend in Quezon continues to rise, a Department of Trade and Industry local official said.

"Based on our records, the presence of NPA does not affect the business trend in Quezon. The investment continues to post an upward index," said Marcelina Alcantara, DTI provincial office chief.

Alcantara noted that the general investment climate in the province continued to remain bullish with the average rate of business registrations now reaching 2,000 annually.

"The alleged NPA negative factor in business growth has no basis at all even in the province's 4th and 3rd districts," she said.

Quezon is widely known as a stronghold of NPA rebels, with concentration on the two provincial districts that cover Lamon Bay and Bondoc Peninsula areas.

Alcantara said 99 percent of the new business investments in the province were initiated by entrepreneurs in micro enterprises with a starting capital of P3 million and below.

No effect

Quezon Gov. Wilfrido Enverga also rejected the impression that the alleged influence of the communist insurgents had resulted in the province's slow economic growth.

"The confidence of the business sector in the peace and order in the province continues to remain strong," Enverga said, citing feedback from the recently concluded business forum in the province.

However, Vice Gov. David Suarez, gave a different perspective.

"Since it's their money that is at stake, the all-out war policy of the government will be a cause for alarm for any investors. For sure, the insurgency situation would surely affect the development program of the government," Suarez said.

He cited the past atrocities of NPA rebels against a foreign road contractor in Bondoc Peninsula area.

Manila-based local businessman Benny Brizuela shared the information that the prevailing outlook in Quezon of national business interest groups still remain positive.

Queries

"As a matter of fact, I often receive queries from fellow businessmen in Manila as to what lines of business they should put up in Quezon. They are very interested. Probably due to the strategic location of the province because we have wide open seas and lots of still unexplored business opportunities," Brizuela said.

Retired Philippine National Police chief Recaredo Sarmiento, whose family operates Ouan's Worth Farm, a resort and hotel facility in the outskirts of the city, said the reported presence of communist rebels in Quezon was not affecting their business.

Senior Supt. Victorio Caragan Jr., Quezon police chief, described the peace and order situation in the province as "manageable."

In past interviews, a number of local businessmen admitted that they were still willing to yield to the NPA's revolutionary tax imposition despite the government's warning that the police and the military would now go after businesses paying such tax to communist taxmen.

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Entry of 'butanding' in Mayon communities seen good luck sign

By Joanna Los Baños
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LEGAZPI CITY—THE PRESENCE of whale sharks (Rhicodon typus) in Barangay Bigaa here in these creatures is a sign of good luck for the coastal community, according to residents.

Jesus Bolactia, 69, who has been fishing since he was 12 years old, said it was almost 50 years ago when he had sightings of the whale sharks, locally named *butanding*, off the village.

He said he could not forget what happened that night in 1960 when he and the other fishermen caught so many fish, which he believed accompanied the *butanding* to the area.

That was the only time they ever had a big catch, said Bolactia, who now has three fishermen sons. "All of our nets were full of fish. We spent the whole night until morning fishing," he said, sitting on the bamboo floor of his small hut overlooking the sea.

The catch was big enough to load on two trucks, he said.

Asked why there was an abundance of fish, Anghel Cordovilla, 76, also of Bigaa, said: "This is probably the blessing of the Almighty God."

Ed Abiera, 49, a fisherman for the past 29 years, confirmed the presence of a number of whale sharks in the village. He said there had been previous sightings, but these were not given much attention because the gentle creatures did not stay long.

Abiera said the people used to fear the world's largest fish because they had a mistaken idea that all sharks eat people.

"It's really amazing and we saw a lot of them," said Jesus' daughter, Josephine, 23. Her father added that young people were now more aware of the friendly whale sharks.

Jo Roco, a science research specialist of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, said that as of 3:56 p.m. on Thursday, nine sightings and five encounters with the *butanding* had been recorded. As of 5 p.m., there were already 16 sightings.

The biggest *butanding* seen measured 7 meters long and was spotted 50-100 meters from the shore, he said.

According to Abiera, the whale shark has similar behavior as humans. "If the *butanding* sees that it is being watched by the people, *mas lalo dumadami* (more surface)," he said.

Bolactia and Cordovilla said they were happy with the presence of the *butanding*, who usually show up at low tide when the water is calm and the sun is not so hot.

Although fish is not abundant now, Abiera said that if the whale sharks meant good luck before, "it may still be a sign of good luck today for our village."

"If ever, this would really help increase our villagers' income and Legazpi would become prominent because of it," he said.

Roco told Bigaa residents and other watchers that "if we want the *butanding* to stay, we have to leave them alone. Don't harm them and don't touch them. Just watch and swim with them."

He also warned them not to touch the *butanding* with bare hands as this could cause itchiness from the algae, moss and other bacteria on its skin.

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NO LEAKAGE A senior Philippine Military Academy cadet looks over the shoulders of a female applicant for scholarship at the PMA. Thousands of young men and women applied for PMA scholarships. Tests have been administered in various parts of the country to attract new recruits to the country's premier military academy. RAY B. ZAMBRANO/INQUIRER NORTHERN LUZON

Troops sent to mine site in N. Vizcaya

CABARROGUIS, QUIRINO—ARMY SOLDIERS and policemen have been sent to a remote village here where a foreign mining company has started road clearing activities to access its planned gold-copper project site near the Nueva Vizcaya-Quirino border.

But while military and police officials gave varying accounts on the purpose of the arrival of troops in Barangay Tucod here, others belied speculations that the deployment was meant to guard the activities of Australasian Philippines Mining Inc. (APMI)

Teams from the Army's 5th Infantry Division and the police's provincial mobile group have been stationed in the village in the past two weeks as APMI started road rehabilitation of the 13-km mountain road connecting this town to Barangay Didipio in Kasibu, Nueva Vizcaya.

The roads are being prepared for the expected transport of heavy equipment that APMI would use for its pre-development operations for its $102-million Didipio mining venture, according to Chito Gozar, APMI manager for central liaison.

The company vowed to start operations next month, despite the objection of residents at the site and the rejection of the project by their local governments.

In addition, questions linger as to what province—Nueva Vizcaya or Quirino—actually covers Didipio, and who would benefit from the project's proceeds as host community.

The project is scheduled to start despite the failure of local officials to resolve questions on the operations of about 300 illegal miners at the planned project site.

Senior Supt. Pedro Cuntapay, Quirino police director, said he has sent troops to Tucod due to the presence of communist rebels in the area.

"There were recent sightings [of insurgents] there and also because Arimco is there," he said, referring to APMI, formerly Climax Arimco Mining Corp.

But Maj. Victor Tanggawohn, chief of the Army's civil military operations unit, said the troop deployment was meant as security forces during the visit of Environment Secretary Angelo Reyes.

On Aug. 8, Reyes visited the project site in Didipio to check on the reported illegal mining activities there.

"They have not been recalled since because they are awaiting the arrival of a military official who is expected to visit the area in the coming days," Tanggawohn said.

Cuntapay and Tanggawohn declined to reveal the size of the troops in Tucod for security reasons.

Gozar said he was not aware of the troop deployment at the project site.

Jerrysal Mangaoang, Cagayan Valley director of the Mines and Geosciences Bureau, and Wilfredo Malvar, provincial environment officer, said the troop deployment was part of pursuit operations against members of a group who robbed the Quirino General High School on Wednesday.

"What we heard was that the robbers escaped to the mountains, so the troops were after them," Malvar said. *Melvin Gascon, Inquirer Northern Luzon*

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Teeners behind water meter theft

BAGUIO CITY—Police blamed a group of teenagers for the theft of water meters here. City police chief Senior Supt. Isagani Nerez said the information came from Marco Antonio Tagorda, 35, who was arrested while selling four water meters he bought from teenagers to a junk shop in La Trinidad, Benguet on Aug. 21. Each meter, according to the police, costs about P800. Archie Almacen, commercial division manager of the Baguio Water District, said at least 1,200 meters were reported stolen in the city since last year. *Desiree Caluza, Inquirer Northern Luzon*

Tricycle driver killed

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—Two motorcycle-riding men gunned down a tricycle driver in Barangay San Fernando in Sta. Cruz, Zambales at 7 a.m. on Thursday, according to Aurora Broquil, chair of the Kilusan para sa Pambansang Demokrasya in Central Luzon. Broquil said Arnold Metadio was among those hunted by the military after the Aug. 18 rally by fishermen and the Pambansang Kilusan ng Makabayang Magbubukid against the militarization in villages in Palauig and Masinloc towns. Lt. Col. Felipe Anotado, commander of the Army's 24th Infantry Battalion based in the area, said his unit had no part in Metadio's killing. He said no soldiers were assigned to Sta. Cruz. *Tonette Orejas, Inquirer Central Luzon*

Rob gang leader slain

CAMP OLIVAS, Pampanga—The leader of a robbery gang operating in the province and his companion were killed in a gun battle with policemen in Porac town on Wednesday. The fatalities were identified as Sonny Garcia and Ricardo Belen. Garcia was listed No. 1 in the police order of battle. The suspects were seen at Barangay Calantas in Floridablanca town with two other men on board two motorcycles. They reportedly fired at policemen who chased them. *Jun Malig, Inquirer Central Luzon*

Robbers take payroll money

CABARROGUIS, Quirino—Four armed men on Tuesday took P100,000 in payroll money supposedly for the payment of salaries of teachers in Cabarroguis town. Two of the suspects, who wore ski masks during the heist, robbed two payroll officers while they were counting the cash at the cashier's office of the Quirino General High School in Barangay Zamora here, according to Senior Supt. Pedro Cuntapay, Quirino police director. The money was supposed to be given to 60 teachers that afternoon. Police have tagged the Solid Ifugao Group, allegedly led by one Randy Nabayay, as responsible for the heist. *Melvin Gascon, Inquirer Northern Luzon*

Bulacan mayor gets reprieve

SAN MIGUEL, Bulacan—The Court of Appeals gave Mayor Edmundo Jose Buencamino 60 days to assume his post after the Office of the Ombudsman suspended him for six months due to abuse of authority. Associate Justice Lucenito Tagle of the CA's 6th Division issued on Aug. 17 the temporary order stopping Buencamino's suspension. The Ombudsman suspended Buencamino after Constantino Pascual, president and board chair of Rosemoor Mining and Development Corp., complained that Buencamino abused his authority for allegedly collecting P12 million in hauling fees from his firm. Pascual said the money did not go to the municipal fund. Buencamino, however, said he was merely implementing a municipal ordinance that Pascual claimed was no longer valid. *Carmela Reyes, Inquirer Central Luzon*

Bullet kills baby

CAMP VICENTE LIM, Laguna—A year-old baby was killed when a bullet meant for his father hit him in the head in Dasmariñas, Cavite on Tuesday night, police said. Supt. Mario Reyes, town police chief, said the victim, Miguel Lopez, died while undergoing treatment at the University Medical Center. Reyes said the baby's father Ramil had a heated argument with a neighbor and drinking partner, Lauro Oblego III, that led to a fistfight. After residents pacified them, Oblego followed Lopez to their house in Barangay Salitran 3 and shot him at around 8 p.m. Police said the bullet hit the baby, who was in his mother's arms. The suspect is now being hunted. *Marlon Ramos, Inquirer Southern Luzon*

Big waves delay relief aid

COTABATO CITY—Bad weather has delayed relief assistance to families displaced by a twister that hit Bongo Island in Parang, Maguindanao, on Aug. 8. "Big waves prevented us from bringing in relief goods and services to the island," Vice Mayor Adnan Biruar said. Biruar said about 500 families were affected by the twister. The municipal government also brought a team of doctors and nurses to look after the displaced residents. Mayor Talib Abo said the municipal government allocated funds to help rebuild 36 houses that were destroyed by the twister. *Charlie C. Señase, Inquirer Mindanao*

Cops kill 2 rob suspects

PLARIDEL, Bulacan—Two robbery suspects were killed in a shootout with policemen in Barangay Bulihan here on Thursday. Reports said Rafael Mendoza, 29, and Ryan Gilbert Mendoza, 24, were chased by policemen after they tried to rob a shop exchanging foreign currency at the public market of nearby Pulilan town. Supt. Sheldon Jacaban, intelligence and investigation unit chief of the provincial police, said the suspects, who were armed with a .38 cal. pistol and aboard a motorcycle, traded shots with policemen and were killed after a 15-minute chase to Bulihan. *Carmela Reyes, Inquirer Central Luzon*

Cops nab suspected heads of rob gang

CALAMBA CITY—Elements of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG) raided the lair of a suspected hijacking syndicate in Barangay Puting Lupa here and arrested two of the group's alleged leaders before dawn Friday.

Senior Supt. Gil Blando Lebin, CIDG-Calabarzon chief, identified the arrested suspects as Emilio Robles, 33, and his uncle Bonifacio Robles, 48.

Recovered from the two were a .45 cal. pistol, a 9 mm pistol, an M16 baby Armalite and several live ammunition.

Lebin said the early morning police operation was covered by five search warrants issued by Manila Regional Trial Court Judge Reynaldo Ros.

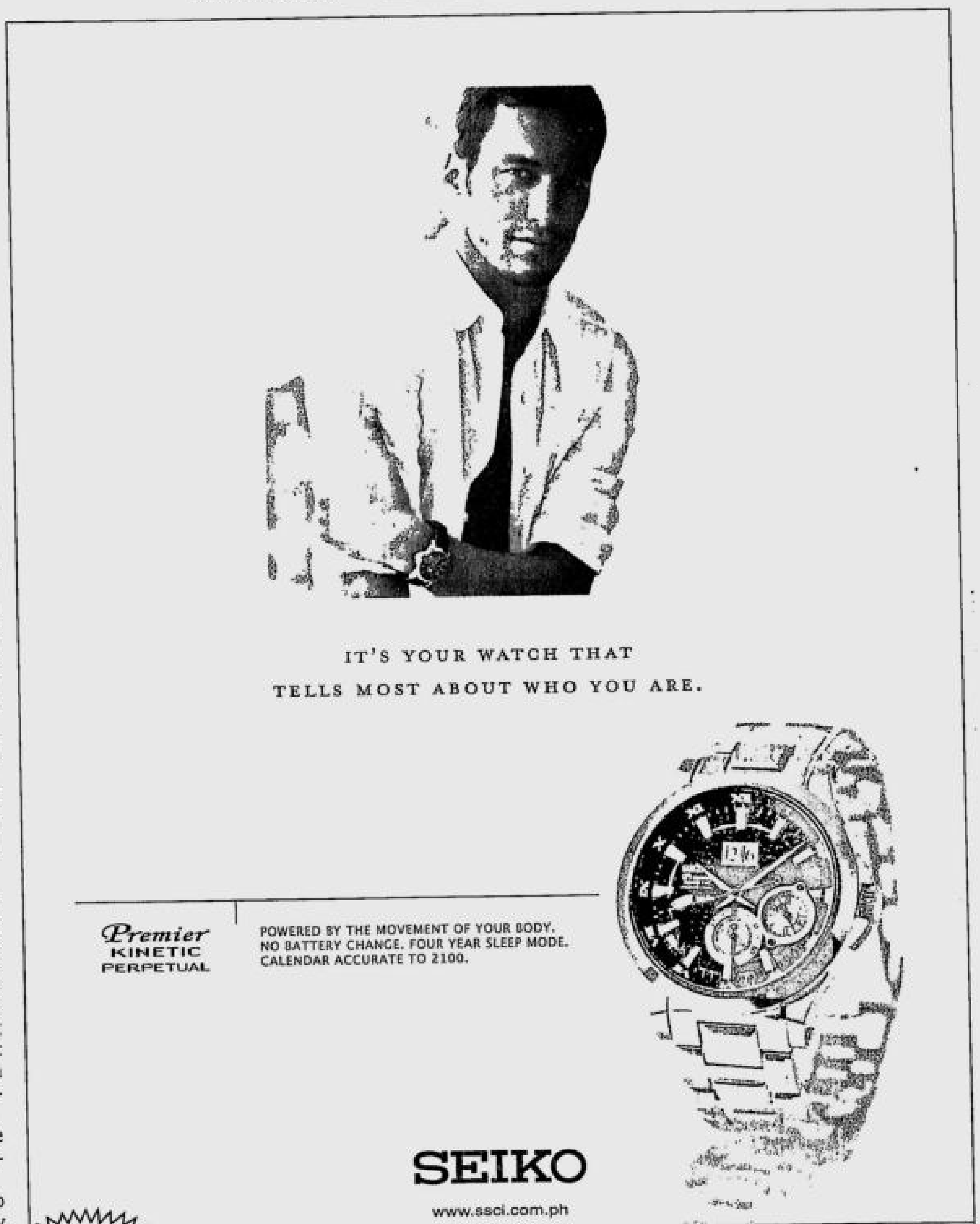
Supt. Flaviano Baltazar, CIDG-Laguna chief, said they swooped down on the residence of the suspects at around 5 a.m. after receiving information that it was being used as a safehouse of the Liquido-Hipolito Gang.

The suspects, he said, did not resist arrest.

"We were able to surprise them. They were overpowered and did not even attempt to get their guns," Baltazar told the INQUIRER.

He said the group was among the most active crime groups in Calabarzon region and was behind several hijacking and highway robbery cases in Laguna and nearby provinces in recent months.

Members of the group were also into gun-for-hire activities, *paihi* (oil pilferage), car theft and murder of uniformed men. *Marlon Ramos, Inquirer Southern Luzon*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Bombers in Metro to mark 9/11 – report

LOCAL POLICE FEAR BOMBINGS DURING THE fifth anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the United States as an intelligence report warned that two explosive experts belonging to an al-Qaida-linked group had arrived in Metro Manila, according to a government report.

The two experts belong to the Rajah Solaiman Movement, according to the confidential security assessment report seen by The Associated Press Sunday.

The Rajah Solaiman Movement is a small group of Filipino converts to Islam which has been linked to a number of deadly assaults, including a February 2004 bombing that gutted an interisland ferry and killed 116 people in one of Southeast Asia's worst terrorist attacks.

The RSM has worked with other al-Qaida-linked groups, like the Indonesia-based Jemaah Islamiyah and the Abu Sayyaf group in the southern Philippines, in plotting attacks and undertaking joint terror trainings on Mindanao, according to Philippine military officials.

"Numerous reports which suggest the possibility of bombing attacks are the major concerns at present," the report said.

"With the anniversary of the Sept. 11 al-Qaida attack fast approaching and the developments in Lebanon, sympathetic attacks should not be discounted," it said.

On Sept. 11, 2001, members of al-Qaida hijacked four airliners in the US and rammed them into the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington DC, while the fourth plane crashed in a field in Pennsylvania when its passengers fought the hijackers. Over 2,000 people died in the incidents.

The report did not say whether the two alleged bomb experts were planning to attack a specific target in Metro Manila but it said the presence of Rajah Solaiman members in an area had led to terrorist assaults in the recent past.

It cited the group's involvement in last year's Valentine's Day bombing of a passenger bus in the Makati City financial district that killed four people and wounded more than 60 others.

United States and Australian officials have been concerned by the reported existence of terror training camps in the southern Philippines which they said could produce militants that could launch attacks anywhere.

The Philippine military has said it has destroyed major training camps used in the south by Filipino and Indonesian militants, who are mostly on the run from continuing offensives. *AP*

Reds' downfall in Central Luzon imminent, says Army

By Luige A. del Puerto

WEEKS AFTER INTENSIVE OPERations, the Philippine Army yesterday claimed initial victory over the communist insurgency in Central Luzon, saying the region where the antigovernment movement started was about to be "de-influenced" of communist guerrillas.

"As we celebrate National Heroes Day today, it also marks the start of the downfall of communism in Central Luzon as the provinces of Bulacan, Pampanga and Nueva Ecija, their most important logistics sources, are about to be totally de-influenced," said Army spokesperson Maj. Ernesto Torres, quoting officials of the 7th Infantry Division.

Torres said the provinces of Bataan, Aurora and Tarlac "will follow."

He claimed the division's operations had "considerably decreased their (rebels') strongholds, freedom of movement, physical strength and will to fight."

Operations against communist New People's Army rebels in Luzon have been going full-blast since June after President Macapagal-Arroyo ordered the military and police to wipe out the decades-old insurgency in two years. As a result, soldiers doubling as bodyguards of politicians were recalled and sent to the battlefield.

Some 1,500 soldiers were also recalled earlier from Mindanao to hunt the rebels.

Troops deployed

Early this month, officials said 10,000 troops belonging to the Armed Forces' Northern Luzon Command were deployed to rebel fronts, half of them spread in areas in Central Luzon where insurgents supposedly have mass bases, logistics and financial support.

Torres told the INQUIRER on the phone that measures which were successful in "de-influencing" Bulacan, Nueva Ecija and Pampanga would also be applied in other provinces.

One of the controversial measures adopted by the 7th Infantry Division under Maj. Gen. Jovito Palparan to flush out rebels was to ask local residents for identification cards, such as the cedula or community tax certificate.

Draconian

The measure has been repeatedly criticized as draconian and residents have complained of abuses allegedly committed by soldiers against those who could not show a cedula.

Asked if this particular strategy would also be carried out in other areas of Luzon, Torres said yes, "if that will be applicable."

"Whatever was effective in de-influencing (villages) would be used in other barangays and provinces," he said.

The Armed Forces shared the assessment of the Philippine Army that the military was gaining significant ground in driving rebels from the region.

"We believe the rebels have been weakened," said military spokesperson Lt. Col. Bartolome Bacarro.

Bacarro also indicated that some of the controversial strategies of Palparan had the support of the AFP leadership.

"It has been hurting the enemy and by the mere fact that it is hurting (the enemy), we are gaining ground," he said.

Bacarro added that as a direct result of these strategies, there had been surrenderees and the military had received reports that rebels were having a difficult time getting logistical support.

MAJ. GEN. JOVITO PALPARAN, the nemesis of communist rebels for which he has been tagged "the butcher" by political activists, addresses a crowd in an anticommunist rally in Mabalacat, Pampanga, on Sunday. He spoke for two hours.
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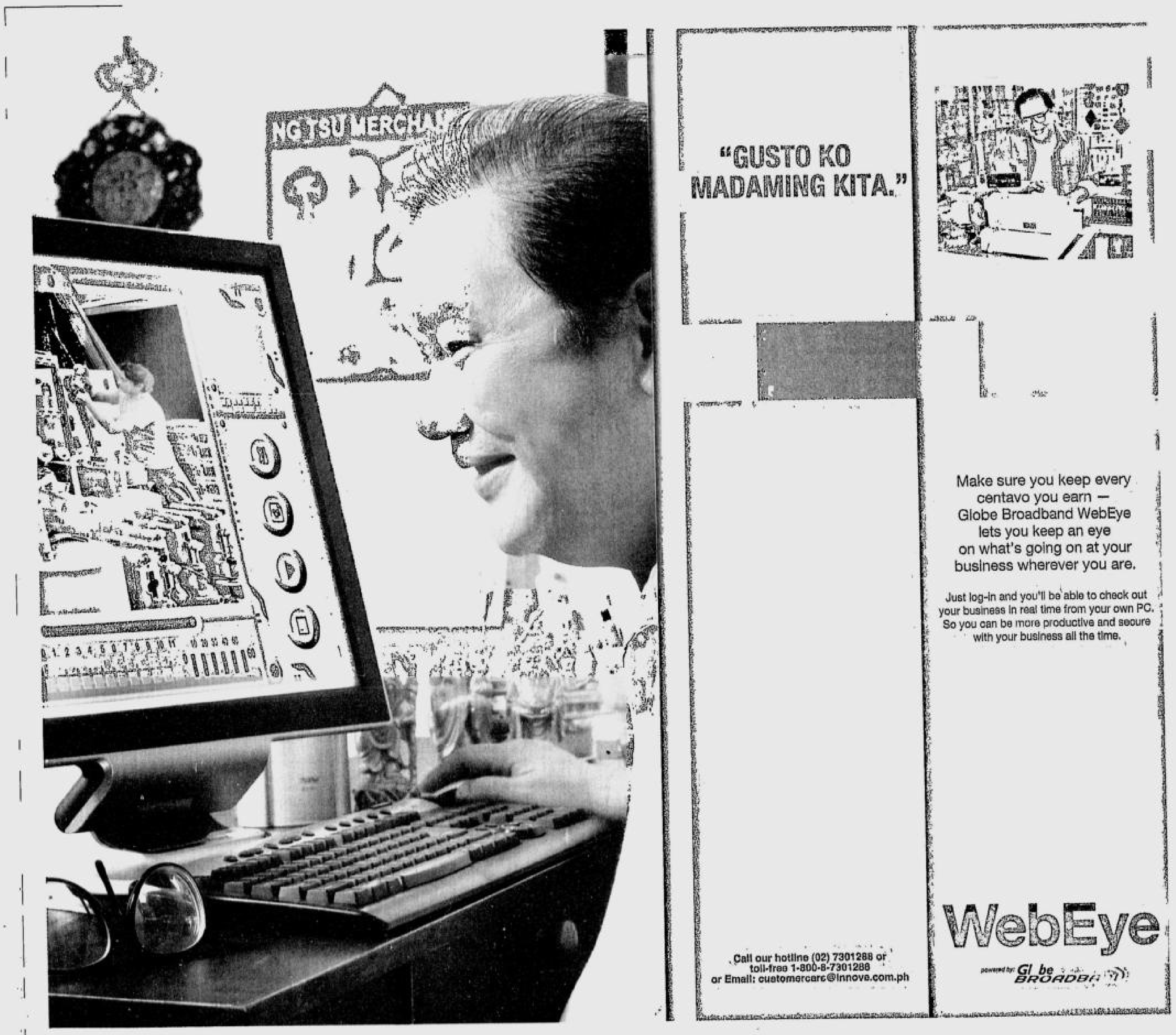

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Makati security worries traders

Binay: City may be open to attacks

By Tarra V. Quismundo

MAKATI BUSINESSMEN ARE WORRIED about security in the country's financial capital following the recent pullout of an elite police unit and in the absence of an official to lead the city's police force.

"There is a consensus that the city may become vulnerable to criminal and terrorist attacks, and that the Philippine National Police is not moving fast enough to reassure the business community," Mayor Jejomar Binay said in a statement issued last Friday.

An 80-man team from the PNP's Special Action Force (SAF) was pulled out of the city this month after the unit was tapped to assist the military in the government's anti-insurgency campaign. The SAF team used to man security detachments around the city's Central Business District.

"The presence of SAF was effective in deterring major criminal and terrorist acts in Makati. The pullout has left a security vacuum and the delay in posting replacement units is causing anxiety," said Binay.

Last month, Makati police chief, Senior Supt. Marietto Valerio, went on emergency leave and his deputy, Supt. Felipe Napoles Jr., took over as officer in charge. Binay said he believed that Valerio was forced to go on leave after his men served an arrest warrant on the mayor's political rival, Roberto Brillante.

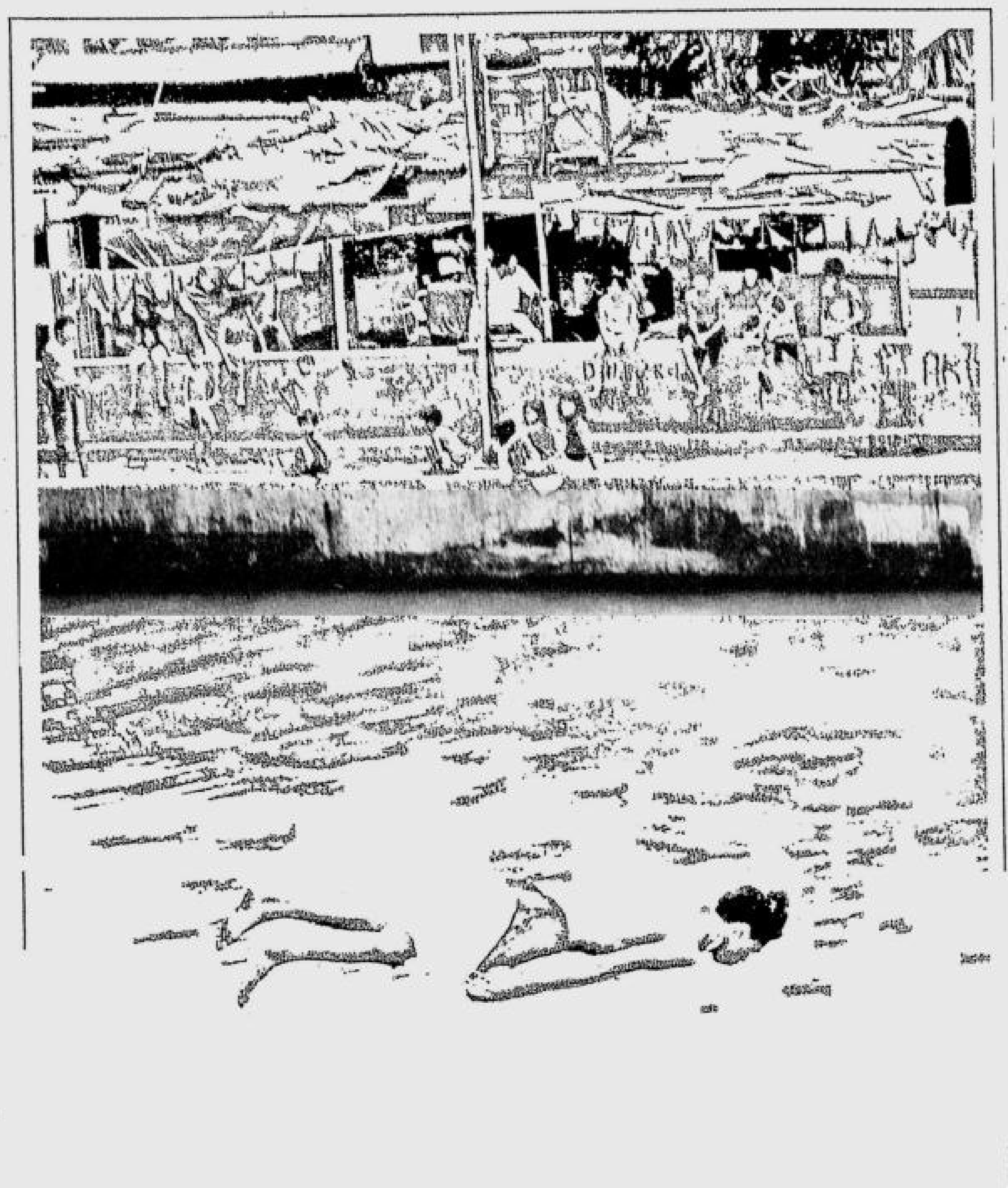
This, however, was denied by Southern Police District chief Ricardo Padilla.

Valerio has since been assigned as officer in charge of the Pasay City police.

Binay, meanwhile, called on the PNP to appoint a permanent Makati police chief. "We believe this should be done at the soonest possible time in order to avoid any uncertainty and instability that normally comes with the lack of permanence in such a position," he said.

In a press conference on Wednesday, the mayor had rejected outright the possibility that Napoles may take over Valerio's post on a permanent basis because of the former's track record.

Napoles, formerly assigned in the Bicol region, was recently ordered demoted to chief inspector by the National Police Commission for "unauthorized possession of a stolen vehicle" seven years ago. But he remains a police superintendent as he said the order for his demotion was still under appeal.



YOUNG DAREDEVIL

A teenage boy slides into a horizontal position as he dives into the murky waters of Pasig River in Del Pan, near Sta. Ana, Manila. His diving skill may not earn him any medals but it still attracted a curious group of bystanders. RODEL ROTONI

Warning signs, earplugs a must for contractors in Marikina City

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

DIGGING ROADS IN MARIKINA CITY?

Companies and contractors had better make sure that warning signs have been set up and earplugs distributed to affected residents if they plan to use equipment that would make a lot of noise.

If they fail to do so, they might end up being slapped with a fine by the city government following the approval of a new ordinance by the Marikina City Council.

Vice Mayor Marion Andres said he authored the ordinance after a private contractor of a water utility company dug up the road in front of his house in Barangay Calumpang two months ago.

"I had an actual experience. The workers started bringing their equipment and they started digging without any warning or notice. We were caught by surprise," Andres told the INQUIRER.

"The digging was also very noisy because the workers were using jackhammers. I can tolerate the noise, but what about older people or those with illnesses who needed to rest," he added.

Because of his experience, he drafted the ordinance which was approved two weeks ago.

"Street diggings and excavations cause vehicular traffic as well as expose the public to the danger of physical harm, especially if no warning or safety signs are installed on the construction site," the approved ordinance said.

It also referred to the use of jackhammers and other equipment to break concrete as a "nuisance to affected residents."

To solve these, the ordinance required water utility companies or contractors to install warning and safety signs the day before the actual construction.

In addition, they should provide free earplugs to residents living within a 15-meter radius from the construction site.

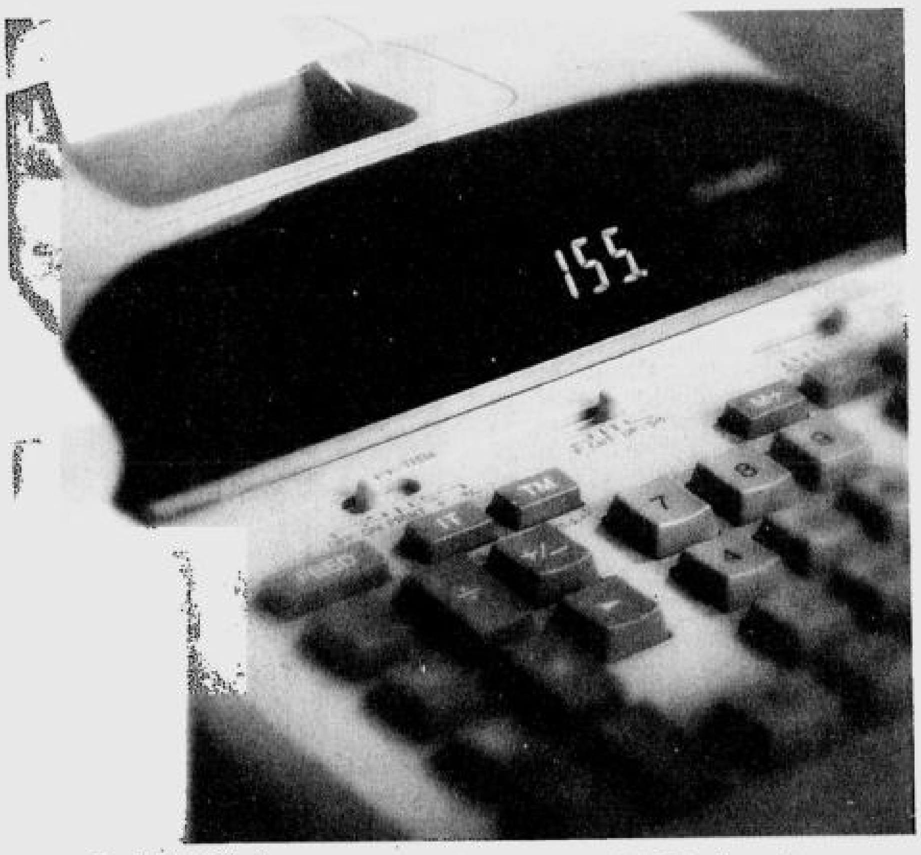
Those who fail to install warning signs would be slapped with a P2,000-fine while those who would not provide earplugs would be fined P1,000, the ordinance also said.

DID YOU KNOW

THE LABEL "University Belt" came into use in the 1950s to denote the area in Sampaloc, Manila occupied by private schools and universities. Among these are the University of Santo Tomas, Far Eastern University, University of the East, National University and San Sebastian College.

Clusters of schools can be found in other parts of Manila, but the University Belt is different because of the large student population in schools in the area.

Cyril L. Bonabente, Inquirer Research



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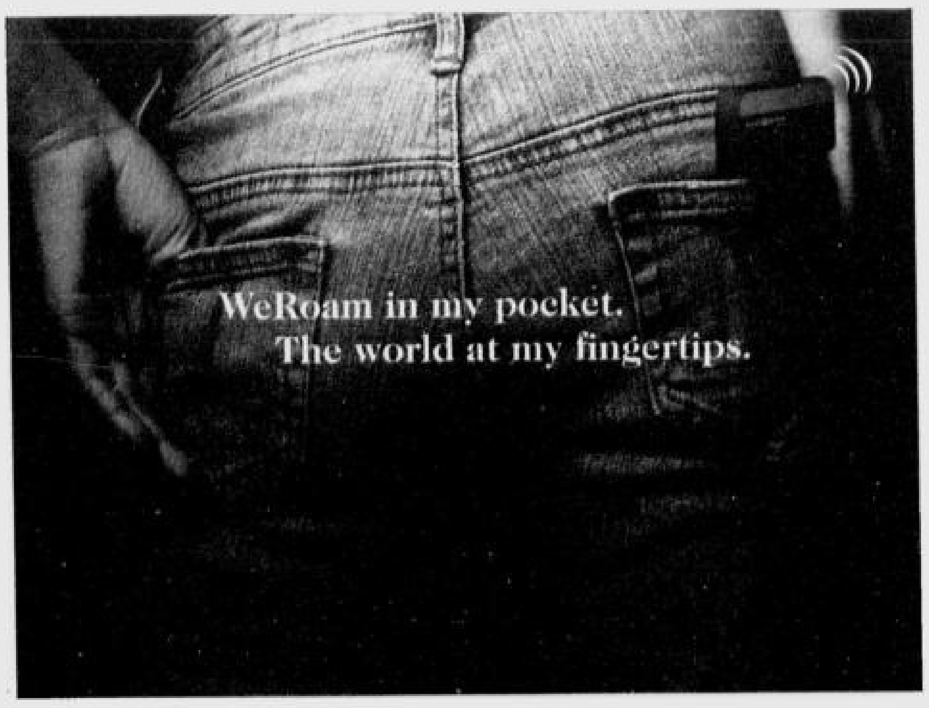

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Stricter law regulating billboards pushed

By Tarra V. Quismundo

METRO MAYORS WILL MEET on Thursday with officials of the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) to determine how they can strengthen regulations on the installation of billboards along roads in the metropolis.

"We will discuss what's the best thing to do to make sense of these billboards," MMDA Chair Bayani Fernando said in a phone interview yesterday.

"We would gather support for an all-out campaign for the removal of billboards. I think we have enough laws to regulate them but there is not enough resolve to implement them," he added.

On Aug. 20, a huge billboard fell on the roof of the Boni station of the Metro Rail Transit-3. Power supply to surrounding areas had to be cut as the billboard got entangled in electrical wires. Traffic was also snarled on the southbound side of Edsa for several hours as MMDA operatives had to work carefully to avoid causing more damage as they took the billboard down.

During the meeting on Thursday, Fernando said the Metro Manila Council—whose members include the mayors of the 17 cities and municipalities in the metropolis—would explore the possibility of drafting a resolution imposing stiffer regulations covering billboards. The resolution, however, would also take into consideration local ordinances, he added.

The MMC is the MMDA's policy making body that creates and approves resolutions addressing Metro concerns such as traffic, road use, flooding and waste management.

Local governments have the power to regulate the installation of billboards in their areas since they issue permits to advertising agencies. The MMDA, meanwhile, has long contended that it has jurisdiction over national roads, including the billboards in the area, since these may encroach on the road right-of-way.

In a press conference held last week, Makati Mayor Jejomar Binay reiterated that the city government would maintain its moratorium on the installation of billboards in the financial capital, a ban that was implemented in January 2005.

Some of the areas with the most billboards, like the Guadalupe Bridge and Magallanes Interchange, both along Edsa, can be found in the city.

The Makati City Hall is drafting new regulations covering billboards as part of the proposed amendment of its zoning ordinance, a legislation that divides the city into residential, commercial, industrial and mixed-use districts.

Police precinct put up near Quiapo mosque

By Margaux C. Ortiz

THE MANILA POLICE DISTRICT (MPD) HAS established a police community precinct near the Golden Mosque in Quiapo, Manila to reduce the number of complaints against shady individuals posing as law enforcers in the area.

MPD acting director Senior Supt. Danilo Abarzosa said their move was in response to the request of the Muslim community during a meeting with police officials last week.

"Businessmen and residents near the Golden Mosque often complained of civilians posing as policemen who threatened and extorted money from them," Abarzosa said in a phone interview.

The police chief said the precinct, the MPD's 43rd police community precinct, would temporarily be housed at the Office of Muslim Affairs' old headquarters near the mosque.

The new precinct will be directly under the Sta. Cruz police station.

Abarzosa added that he has deployed nine policemen, led by a police officer, to patrol the area at all times.

He also said that the Muslim community could call the MPD hotline 5233378 or send a text message to 700PIT to report any illegal activity.

"The leaders of the community likewise expressed support for our intensified anti-illegal drugs campaign, which would zero in on pushers and peddlers," Abarzosa said.

MPD officials led by Abarzosa recently conducted a "Grand Ugnayan" with representatives from different sectors to discuss crime-related problems affecting businessmen, students, barangay officials and residents of Sta. Mesa, Manila.

Abarzosa said the barangay meeting was organized to encourage officials and leaders of Sta. Mesa's 63 barangays to help them in curbing criminality and weeding out illegal syndicates in the city.

"We value the participation of barangay leaders and their respective communities in fighting lawless elements," Abarzosa said.

More than 300 participants from the business sector, nongovernment organizations and different barangays attended the meeting, he added.

The police official reiterated the commitment of Manila's Finest to provide immediate assistance to barangay leaders.

"We likewise emphasized the importance of establishing a close partnership between the city police and barangay leaders in fighting off all forms of criminality," Abarzosa said.

NOT YOUR TYPICAL DORMITORY
It looks like a dormitory for women: Cramped and dark. It's even got the requisite washing hanging from the window. Those who live in this dormitory, however, cannot leave the compound because they are inmates of the Camp Karingal detention center in Quezon City. JOAN BONDOC

JOB HAZARD
A fireman turns his face aside to avoid a cloud of smoke escaping from the broken window of a house which caught on fire yesterday in Gulod, Novaliches, Quezon City. No one was reported injured in the incident. RAFFY LERMA

Don't throw those food scraps away

By DJ Yap

IF YOU LIVE IN QUEZON CITY, DON'T BE surprised if someone knocks on your door asking for leftovers and kitchen waste.

It will go to a good cause: To reduce the amount of garbage generated by households—and to feed pigs.

In a bid to boost its waste reduction program, Quezon City has tapped hog raisers to collect kitchen waste from houses in selected communities.

Door-to-door collection

Under the scheme, the hog raisers will conduct door-to-door collection of household waste—free of charge—in nine barangays covered by the city's "No Segregation, No Collection," policy.

These are Greater Lagro, Milagrosa, Doña Imelda, Loyola Heights, Damar, Socorro, Silangan, Paang Bundok and E. Rodriguez.

For eight months, the city's Environmental Protection and Waste Management Department (EPWMD) pilot-tested the program in the nine areas.

Waste diversion

During the period covered, the barangays registered a total daily waste diversion of 1,450.26 kilos, an impressive figure, according to the EPWMD.

Because of the success of the "pre-implementation," the agency is studying the possibility of expanding the kitchen waste collection program to barangays with no composting facilities.

Among the barangays likely to be covered by the expansion are Vasra, Bagong Pagasa, West Kamias, Fairview, Culiat, Tandang Sora, Mariana and Tatalon.

Less garbage

The kitchen waste collection project is a component of the city's "Sinop Basura sa Barangay" program, which aims to reduce the volume of solid waste at the point of generation by promoting trash segregation in individual households.

The program was launched by Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. in July 2001 in compliance with the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000.

Belmonte has constantly reminded residents that keeping the city clean is everyone's responsibility, not just the local government's.

To date, 35 barangays have fully implemented the "Sinop Basura" program, with 21 more barangays soon to follow.

Two-year program aims to rid all firms of drug users

By Volt Contreras

MENTION THE WORD "DRUG addict" and these stereotype images are most likely to come to mind: Juvenile delinquents or out-of-school teens, the tattooed *tambay* (bum) and all other shady characters one usually associates with dark alleys.

The following words—employee, supervisor, manager and company executive—would hardly figure in the discussion at all.

However, studies conducted by the Dangerous Drugs Board show that around five percent of the country's workforce are into illegal drugs, and that the mean "profile" of a Filipino drug user is one who is employed with a regular monthly income of at least P4,700.

News about drugs ruining jobs and careers rarely make the headlines anymore compared to the more dramatic police drug busts. But there is a law specifically addressing this deceptively silent menace, and a team-up between the government and the private sector has been striving to implement it in offices, factories, and warehouses around the country.

Promoting the "Drug-Free Workplace (DFW) is a mission that has been pursued over the past two years by the Department of Labor and Employment's Occupational Safety and Health Center (DOLE-OSHC) and the Family Wellness Center Foundation (FWCF), a drug rehabilitation center in the municipality of San Juan.

Daunting task

The task is quite daunting: To create DFWs through DOLE's Department Order 53-03, also known as the Guidelines for the Implementation of the Drug-Free Workplace Policies and Programs for the Private Sector.

But ultimately, DO 53-03 is all about giving drug users—who are often family breadwinners—that precious second chance.

According to a government policy, a firm that discovers that some of its employees are drug addicts should not immediately fire or impose disciplinary actions on them, provided that they do not have criminal records.

Instead, the company should first help them obtain treatment, according to Dr. Dulce Gust, executive director of DOLE-OSHC.

After being allowed to undergo rehabilitation, the employees should be reintegrated into the company. But if they pick up the habit again, the company should then impose sanctions against them, Gust explained.

But why not fire them when their addiction was discovered the first time? "For every drug user (whose job) you terminate, you put the community at risk because he could be the same person you would later hear committing crimes," said FWCF executive director Reniel Cristobal.

A WORKER found to be using drugs should not be fired but should be given a chance to reform, says Reniel Cristobal, executive director of a drug rehabilitation center. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

"Drug addiction is a medical illness from which no one should be deprived of an opportunity to recover," said Cristobal, whose rehabilitation center has treated some 300 clients since 1999. Of the total, around 40 were employees referred to the center by their firms.

The collaboration between the labor department and FWCF has produced a standard training program for companies which, under the Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002, are required to have DFW mechanisms in place.

Assessment teams

Cristobal, who helped design the training program, said that under the law, any company that has 10 or more employees should have DFW "assessment teams". tasked to screen employees for drug use and facilitate the rehabilitation of those who test positive.

Since 2004, the government and FWCF have trained some 280 to 300 assessment teams nationwide.

Gust said among the local industries that have proven "most vulnerable" to drug use are those whose work sites tend to be isolated or are far away from law enforcement posts, like mining or export processing zones.

Cristobal also recalled that drug use spiked in one telecommunications firm when it launched an aggressive promo to recruit more customers, sending its workers out on the field for longer periods of time.

Warehouses and transport services also provide "enough space and time" for drug sessions, he said.

A DFW assessment team can screen drug users usually through random urine tests and interviews. They are, however, also trained to spot both "behavioral and physical symptoms" in workers addicted to drugs.

Cristobal noted that drug users are frequently absent, or display a "pattern" of going on sick leave. "We call them payday addicts," he said. "They miss work a day after payday, because they had money to go on a binge the night before."

"They also tend to be cantankerous or quarrelsome at work, their performance deteriorates," he added. "They become very excitable."

The physical signs include red eyes (usually for marijuana users), abrupt loss of weight (for shabu) and untidiness. Cristobal said a shabu user's body usually gives off a "peculiar, acidic odor."

Although the DOLE-OSHC has yet to conduct a study on workplace accidents traceable to drug use, Gust said an addict's "reflexes slow down and he loses his peripheral view (which is) reduced to tunnel vision because of the narrowing of the pupils."

Keeping tabs

Once employees are sent off to undergo drug rehabilitation, their companies, through the DFW team, must coordinate closely with the rehab facility for updates on their progress until they are deemed fit to return to work, Cristobal said.

According to DO 53-03, it is up to a company's union and management to agree on whether or not payment for employees' treatment should be shouldered by the firm.

Assessment teams are thus "encouraged" to include representatives from the labor union, if the company has one, Cristobal explained.

"Back in the days when we didn't have this program, it's already the end for the worker the moment he's discovered," Gust noted. Now, they can be assured that they will be given a chance to reform.

(DOLE-OSHC can be reached at telephone number 9296036 to 39, local 311; and the Family Wellness Center Foundation at 7246595)

Hezbollah was surprised by Israel attack

BEIRUT—THE MAGNITUDE OF THE Israeli response to Hezbollah's cross-border operation in July took the Lebanese guerrilla group by surprise, Hezbollah deputy leader Naim Kassem said in an interview.

Kassem told an-Nahar daily that Hezbollah had expected an Israel attack at some stage as part of a joint plan with the United States but it had no indication it would come in July.

"We were expecting the Israelis would respond at the most by bombing for a day or two or some limited attacks or targeting certain places, such that it would not go beyond three days and some limited damage," he said.

After Hezbollah fighters seized two Israeli soldiers on July 12, Israel started bombing Lebanon's civilian infrastructure in a one-month war which displaced more than 900,000 people.

Israeli attacks killed close to 1,200 people in Lebanon, mostly civilians, and did damage worth billions of dollars.

Israel lost 157 people, mostly soldiers inside Lebanon.

Kassem said: "Frankly we were surprised by the great size (of the Israeli response) and by this serious attack." Two days after the war began, Hezbollah learned that Israel and the United States were planning an attack in September or October. US media have also said the United States was enthusiastic about Israeli plans to strike at Hezbollah.

"Israel was not ready. In fact it wanted to prepare for two or three months more, but American pressure on one side and the Israeli desire to achieve a success on the other ... were factors which made them rush into battle," Kassem said.

The Hezbollah official said the guerrilla group would coordinate with the Lebanese army as it moves into parts of south Lebanon dominated by Hezbollah.

But Hezbollah will not give up the concept of resistance against Israel, on the grounds that Israel continues to occupy the Shebaa farms region, holds Lebanese prisoners and overflies Lebanese territory almost every day.

"The justifications for ending it (resistance) are not yet there. When we agree on a defense plan to confront Israel, defining the job of the resistance, the army and the Lebanese people, then we will see what the rules and roles are," he said.

The Shebaa Farms is a small patch of land claimed by Lebanon, but occupied by Israel since it captured the Golan Heights from Syria in the 1967 war. The United Nations deems the territory Syrian until such time as Syria cedes it to Lebanon.

Israel wants the Lebanese army and a strengthened UN peace force to disarm Hezbollah and keep it away from the Israeli border, but Kassem said disarmament was an internal Lebanese matter and Hezbollah fighters will stay in their villages.

The army and the UN will not go searching for arms but will stop people carrying them in public, Kassem said. *Reuters*

A WOMAN holds a picture of Hezbollah chief Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah as she prepares for Friday prayers Aug. 18. REUTERS

A year after Katrina, victims return to Dome

NEW ORLEANS—ABOUT 500 PEOPLE braved lightning and a torrential downpour on Saturday in a bid to join hands around the Louisiana Superdome and commemorate the one-year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina.

Nearly a year ago, thousands of people sought shelter in the covered sports stadium and turned it into a symbol of human suffering after New Orleans' electrical power failed, food supplies ran out and evacuation buses did not arrive for days.

The event dubbed Hands Around the Dome fell a few hundred people short of its goal of forming a circle around the 70,000-seat stadium that has remained closed since Katrina.

Earlene Antoine, 55, said she came to the Superdome in search of closure after the storm forced her to spend several months away from her hometown.

Antoine endured a sweltering night at the stadium after her New Orleans home was inundated with more than 4 feet (1.2 meters) of water, then waited in line five hours to board a bus to Houston.

"Being here brings back some bad memories, I tell you," she said. "That heat was unbearable." Katrina struck the Gulf Coast on Aug. 29, 2005, killing about 1,500 in four states and flooding 80 percent of New Orleans.

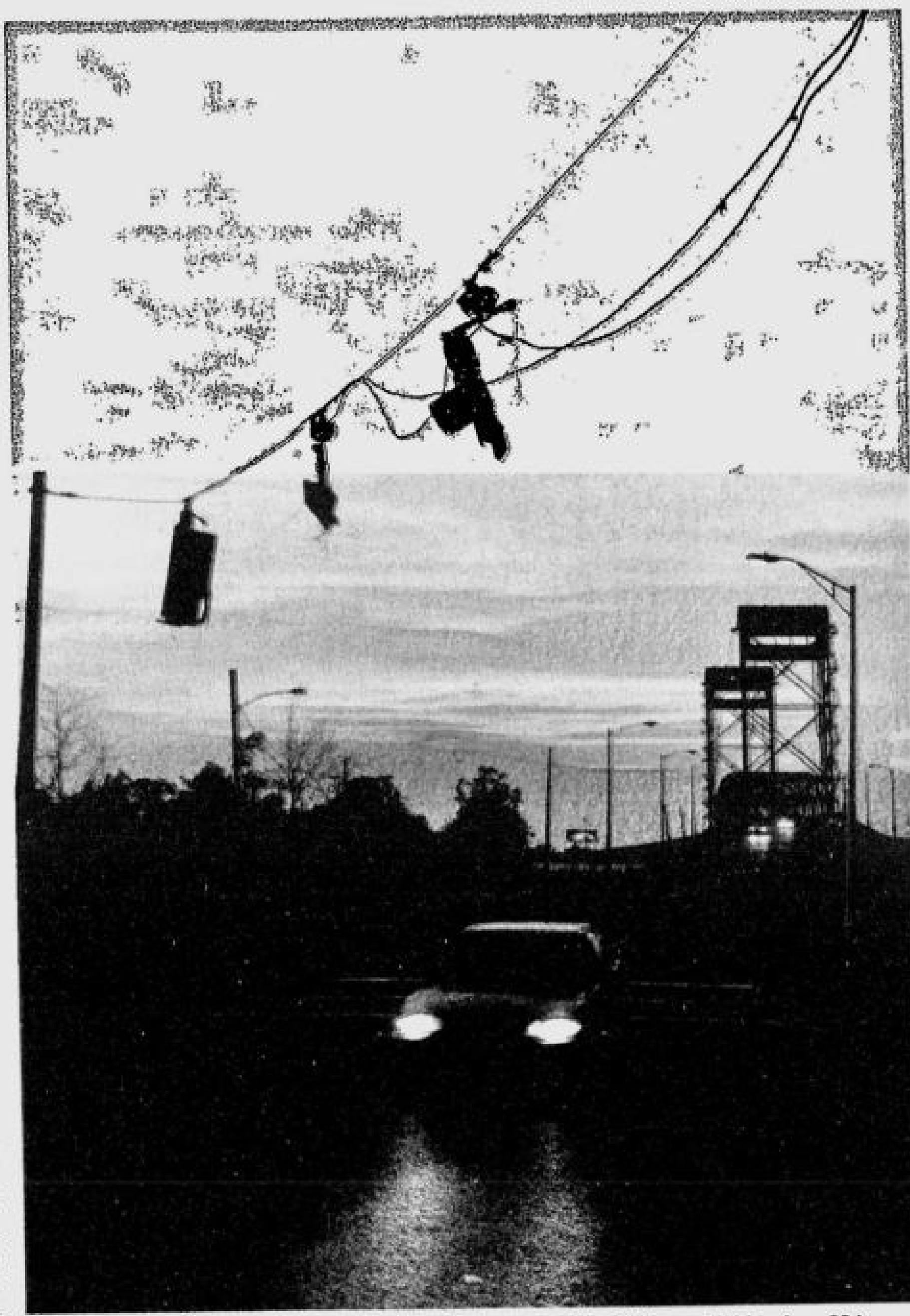
Marches, jazz funeral-style processions and an interfaith prayer service were scheduled for Tuesday, the anniversary of the storm, at the city's famed St. Louis Cathedral.

In addition, trumpeter Wynton Marsalis will lead a concert to help support musicians scattered by the storm.

A group of drummers led a parade to a podium on a plaza outside the dome where speakers including New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin vowed to bring back tens of thousands of residents still displaced by the storm.

"We will rebuild New Orleans," Nagin shouted, his remarks almost inaudible above the storm's din.

Gail Glapion, chair of the African-American Leadership Project, which organized the event, said the gathering underscored the "right of everyone to return, even if not to one of the worst-flooded neighborhoods." Glapion, a former Orleans Parish School Board president, told Reuters the group chose the Superdome site "to memorialize those who lost their lives, and to commemorate those who risked their lives to save us." The Superdome, which is undergoing a $140 million repair and renovation project, is set to reopen Sept. 25. *Reuters*



A CAR enters the darkened Lower Ninth Ward by way of the Claiborne Bridge Aug. 23 in New Orleans. One year ago, Hurricane Katrina ravaged the US Gulf Coast, killed more than 1,500 people and laid bare the inability of the world's most powerful government to respond effectively to a natural catastrophe. AFP

Pakistani rebel leader killed, says government

ISLAMABAD—A PROMINENT rebel leader has been killed in a battle between Pakistani forces and guerrillas in gas-rich Baluchistan province, the government said on Sunday.

But the military said while the veteran Baluch nationalist and rebel leader Nawab Akbar Khan Bugti was presumed killed, his death had not been confirmed.

There were also conflicting figures for the casualty toll in the battle in the southwestern province.

Two government officials, including the provincial minister of interior, said 50 or more people—members of the security forces and rebels—had been killed in the fighting.

But the military confirmed the death of only four officers and a soldier in the battle on Saturday.

"It is confirmed, Nawab Bugti has been killed in an operation," Information Minister Mohammad Ali Durrani told Reuters. Interior Minister Aftab Ahmed Khan Sherpao also said Bugti had been killed.

A military spokesperson said security forces had attacked a rebel cave complex and exchanged very heavy fire.

During the battle one cave collapsed burying all those inside, including, it was presumed, Bugti, said military spokesperson Major-General Shaukat Sultan. His body had not been recovered, he said.

Earlier, an Interior Ministry official who declined to be identified, said 21 members of the security forces and 37 rebels had been killed.

Baluchistan is Pakistan's biggest but poorest province. It also contains Pakistan's main natural gas reserves.

Baluch separatists have long complained that the province does not get a fair share of the profits from its resources and have been agitating for autonomy for years.

Dozens of people took to the streets of Quetta, the capital of Baluchistan, after news of Bugti's death. They burnt tires and threw stones but there were no reports of major damage or casualties.

Troops launched the operation three days ago and swooped on the rebels in helicopters, a security official said.

Bugti, who was born in 1927, was a former chief minister of the thinly populated province of deserts and mountains.

With a shock of white hair and a white handlebar moustache and beard, he was for years one of Pakistan's most distinctive politicians.

A powerful tribal leader, he went underground late last year, joining rebels who have been waging a low-key insurgency for decades.

The rebels have stepped up attacks on infrastructure, including gas pipelines, as well as security posts over the past year. *Reuters*

PAKISTANI rebel Bugti tribal leader Nawab Akbar Bugti in Jan. 24. AFP

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New clashes in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO—The Red Cross ferried 150 foreigners to safety from the besieged Jaffna peninsula Sunday as the Sri Lankan military claimed it killed 12 Tamil Tigers when repulsing a rebel attack on an army position. The ferry arrived at the port of Trincomalee in the country's northeast in the early hours after many aid agencies pulled out foreign staff amid ongoing clashes between rebels and security forces. Charity workers said it was unclear when they could return to help tens of thousands who have fled fierce fighting between the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) and the security forces. More than 40,000 have fled their homes in the Jaffna peninsula alone where 650 people died in 11 days of fierce fighting this month that the military claimed was a rebel push to take control of the area. *AFP*

2 killed in car bomb attack on Iraqi newspaper

BAGHDAD—A car bomb exploded outside the offices of the state-run newspaper al-Sabah in Baghdad on Sunday, killing two people, wounding 20 and causing extensive damage to the building, police said. The blast demolished the facade of the newspaper's production department, witnesses said. Two cars were blown through one wall by the force of the huge explosion, which left a score of vehicles crumpled, blackened wrecks. It was the second car bomb attack on the newspaper this year. At least one person was killed in an explosion on May 7. *Reuters*

Dozens of illegals feared drowned off Mauritania

NOUAKCHOTT—Dozens of illegal immigrants were feared drowned after 14 bodies washed ashore in Mauritania Saturday, while another 179 people heading to Spain's Canary Islands were rescued before their boats sank, a police official said. The 14 dead washed ashore on the beaches of the Mauritanian capital Nouakchott, probably after their boat capsized, police speculated. They feared dozens more may have died. There are probably "more bodies in the ocean and we must monitor the beaches, as the boats usually carry 90 to 96 people," said the police official who requested anonymity. "They were certainly illegal immigrants because we haven't had any reports of missing fishermen." *AFP*

2 journalists wounded in Israeli strike in Gaza

GAZA—An Israeli air strike hit a Reuters vehicle in Gaza City on Saturday, wounding two journalists as they covered a military incursion, doctors and residents said. One of the Palestinian journalists, who worked for a local media organization, was seriously wounded. A cameraman working for Reuters was knocked unconscious in the air strike, one of several in the area. The Israeli army said the vehicle was hit because it was acting suspiciously in an area of combat and had not been identified as belonging to the media. More than 180 Palestinians, about half of them militants, have been killed since Israel launched an offensive in June aimed at recovering a captured soldier and ending cross-border rocket fire *Reuters*

Vatican faults new stem cell method

VATICAN CITY—THE VATICAN'S TOP OFFICIAL on bioethical questions on Saturday criticized a new method of making stem cells that does not destroy embryos, calling it a "manipulation" that did not address the church's ethical concerns.

Monsignor Elio Sgreccia, who heads the Vatican's Pontifical Academy for Life, said in an interview with Vatican Radio that the way of making stem cells devised by scientists at Advanced Cell, based in Alameda, California, remains an in-vitro form of reproduction.

"And that, from a point of view that is not only Catholic, but from a point of view of bioethic reasons, is a negative factor," Sgreggia said.

Advanced Cell's method "doesn't solve the ethical problems," he said.

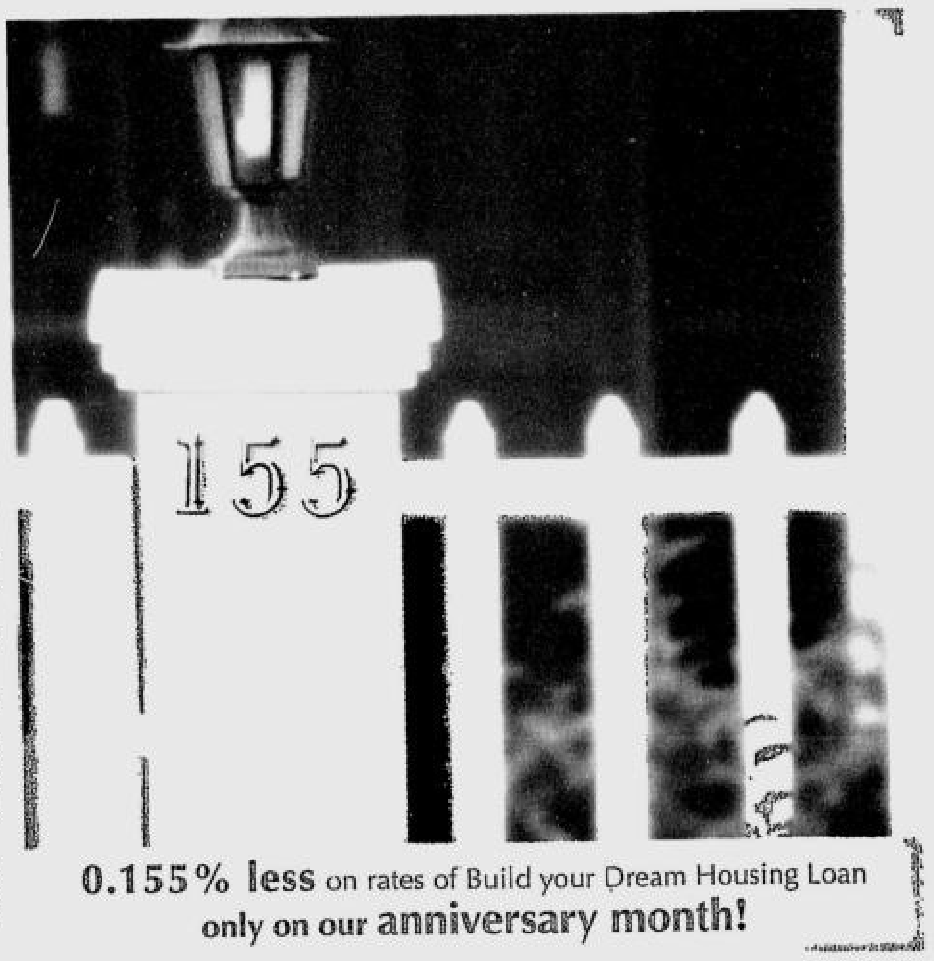
The new method—described online Wednesday in the British journal Nature—works by taking an embryo at a very early stage of development and removing a single cell, which could spawn an embryonic stem cell line. With only one cell removed, the rest of the embryo retains its full potential for development.

But, Sgreccia said, the new method doesn't address what he said was the fact that even the single cell removed by the new approach could theoretically grow into a full-fledged human.

"If the result we are waiting for—that is to reproduce ... only embryonic cells—is the result of a manipulation of a process that otherwise would result in an embryo, the ethical objection remains intact," Sgreccia said.

The current method of creating stem cells involves the destruction of embryos after about five days of development, when they consist of about 100 cells.

Stem cells are important because of their potential to transform into any type of human tissue, perhaps leading to new treatments for a series of illnesses. But the Vatican and US President George W. Bush, among others, have argued that the promise of stem cells should not be realized at the expense of human life, even in its most nascent stages. *AP*



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Iran leader launches new nuclear project

ARAK, IRAN—IRAN'S PRESIDENT LAUNCHED A new phase in the Arak heavy-water reactor project on Saturday, saying Tehran would not give up its right to nuclear technology despite Western fears it aims to make atomic bombs.

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad was speaking just days before an Aug. 31 deadline set by the UN Security Council for Iran to halt uranium enrichment—the West's biggest worry in Iran's atomic program—or face possible sanctions.

"No one can deprive a nation of its rights based on its capabilities," Ahmadinejad said in his speech to inaugurate the heavy water project.

The Arak project, once complete, will produce plutonium as a by-product that could be used to make atomic warheads. But the reactor that will produce this is still being built.

Western nations accuse Iran of seeking to master technology to produce nuclear weapons. Iran, the world's fourth largest oil exporter, insists it only wants to produce electricity.

"Iran is not a threat to anybody, not even to the Zionist regime," Ahmadinejad said, using Iran's term for its arch-enemy Israel, which the Islamic Republic does not recognize.

Although Iran faces possible sanctions if it does not heed the UN deadline, divisions among world powers over how to handle the Islamic republic could delay any action.

The Los Angeles Times reported Washington had indicated it was ready to form an independent coalition to freeze Iranian assets and restrict trade if necessary. Analysts say sanctions imposed by just a few states would have limited impact.

A White House spokesperson said on Saturday the United States, Russia, China, Britain, France and Germany were consulting about Iran's response to the the package of incentives the six offered Tehran to halt uranium enrichment.

"We all share the goal of preventing Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapons capability," spokesperson Dana Perino said.

Iran is likely to raise further fears in Western capitals by pressing ahead with the heavy-water project near Arak, 190 km southwest of the capital Tehran.

An Iranian official said the project is not a proliferation risk because heavy water has no military use. Diplomats say it is not a constructive step.

"It's not a proliferation risk in itself, but the associated operations—still to be constructed—would be.

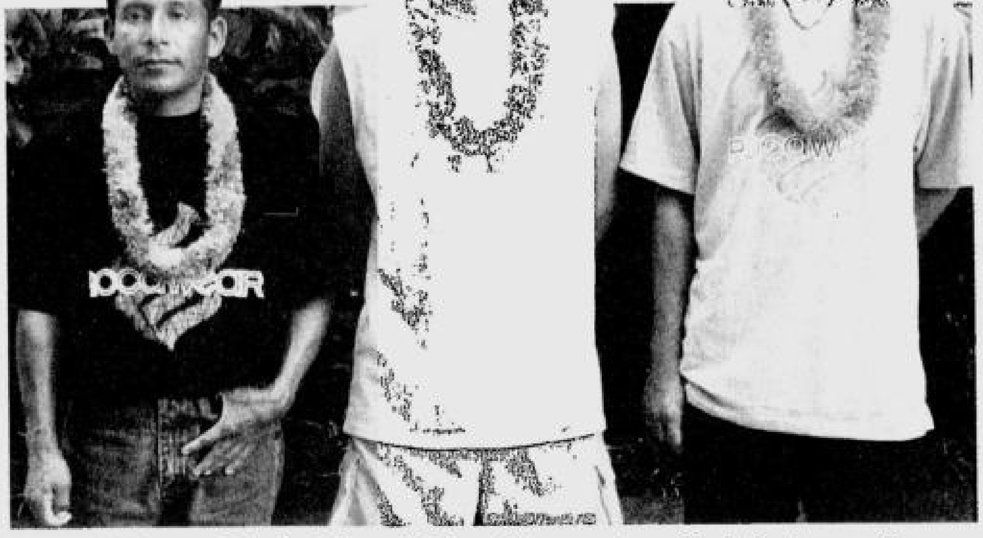
And the timing seems particularly poor," said a Vienna-based diplomat familiar with operations of the UN nuclear watchdog in Iran.

The UN Security Council resolution setting the Aug. 31 deadline to halt enrichment also cited a call by the UN watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), for Iran to reconsider building its heavy water reactor project.

The Arak complex was protected by dozens of anti-aircraft guns and surrounded by a four-meter high barbed wire fence.

Photographers and TV journalists were asked not to take any images except in areas where they were specifically permitted.

The head of Iran's Atomic Energy Organization, Gholamreza Aghazadeh, told the students' ISNA news agency that IAEA inspectors would visit Arak next week. *Reuters*



MEXICAN fishermen Salvador Ordonez, left, Jesus Vidana, center, and Lucio Rendon, pose for photographers in Honolulu, Hawaii, Aug. 23, after their rescue. AP

Village defends fishermen

SAN BLAS, MEXICO—THREE fishermen who say they endured a nine-month ordeal lost at sea are heroes to the people of this fishing village, despite media skeptics who have cast doubt on their epic survival story.

"This is a miracle from God," said San Blas fisherman Salvador Velasco, 48. "As fishermen, we take a lot of risks and depend on God's will, and those who have criticized them are people who don't want to accept this."

Lucio Rendon, Salvador Ordonez and Jesus Vidana say they left San Blas on Oct. 28, 2005, on a shark-fishing expedition that went awry. They were rescued Aug. 9 by a Taiwanese fishing ship near the Marshall Islands, 8,000 km away.

Upon their return to Mexico City Friday, the fishermen were bombarded with questions by reporters wondering about their remarkably good health and their survival after being exposed to the elements in a 8.23-meter open boat.

The trio says they survived by taking shelter from the sun under a blanket, eating raw fish and birds and drinking rain water and their urine.

In San Blas, residents defended the men and said doubters know little about the ocean and fishermen's survival skills.

"They were washing themselves with rain water because they knew the salt in ocean water would burn their skin," said Laura Hernandez, a 30-year-old fisherman's wife, suggesting that may be why the trio had no visible scars. *AP*

KAMPUSCH in 1998. REUTERS

Questions dog case of girl held captive for 8 years

VIENNA, AUSTRIA—SHE DASHED to freedom the moment she got a chance, but reportedly wept inconsolably when told her "master" was dead. She had a tearful reunion with her parents, yet hasn't asked for them since.

New details—and fresh questions—emerged Saturday about Natascha Kampusch's welfare after her ordeal at the hands of a captor who yanked her off a suburban street when she was 10 and confined her to a squalid, windowless cell for more than eight years.

For the first time, a lawyer offered a glimpse into how Kampusch is faring since her dramatic escape Wednesday from captor Wolfgang Priklopil as he busied himself with a cell phone call at his house in the town of Strasshof, north of Vienna.

Kampusch, who was being kept in a secure and undisclosed location, was "for the moment well" and enjoying some private time reading newspapers and watching TV, said Monika Pinterits, an attorney who said she spent several hours at her side.

Describing her as "very intelligent and very eloquent," Pinterits told the Austria Press Agency that Kampusch objected to being pitied in news accounts about her.

"She is not a 'poor victim'—she is an adult young woman" who wants her privacy respected, she said.

As investigators examined the 18-year-old's diaries for clues to what she endured, scores of ordinary Austrians offered prayer, support and admiration in a flurry of emotional "Dear Natascha" messages posted online.

"Nobody can return the lost years to you, but you are strong and you will survive," read one.

"You amaze me! How could you have endured such hell?" said another.

Erich Zwettler of the Federal Criminal Investigations Bureau said the girl—who had a brief and emotional reunion with her family after her escape—had not expressed a desire to see them again. Zwettler said Kampusch would not be questioned again until Monday at the earliest. *AP*

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THE ORIGINAL PLAYBOY
Hugh Hefner, CEO of Playboy Enterprises, poses for a photo with his three girlfriends, Holly (left), Bridget (second right) and Kendra at his mansion in Los Angeles, Aug. 23. Hefner called the interview to promote the premiere in France of the series "The Girl Next Door," a reality show that introduces the viewer to the daily life of Hefner and his three girlfriends. AFP

Hong Kong traders worried pollution threatens business

HONG KONG—HONG KONG'S POLLUTED AIR is driving away foreign professionals and threatening international investment, according to a survey released on Sunday by the American Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong.

The poll of 140 executives with the group's member companies found almost four out of five business leaders knew someone who was thinking of leaving or had left the territory because of the poor quality of the environment.

Hong Kong's worsening air pollution has become a growing source of concern in recent years. But until now, most evidence suggesting an economic impact was anecdotal.

Both local coal-fired power plants and thousands of Hong Kong owned factories in the Pearl River Delta have been blamed for the regular bad-air days plaguing the city.

The ability to attract foreign executives is key for Hong Kong's economy because it competes with Singapore and other cities to be the Asian hub for global banks, money managers and other international firms.

"Air pollution not only threatens our health, but Hong Kong's pre-eminent position as the financial services capital of Asia," Alan Seigrist, chair of the group's environment committee, said in a statement.

"This is especially true when many leaders in financial services have young families—the main concern of being based in Hong Kong is their own children's health." The survey said 95 percent of respondents were personally worried, or very worried, about the air quality in Hong Kong and the potential long term effects on the health of themselves and their children.

And more than half of respondents personally knew of professionals who declined to move to Hong Kong because of environmental concerns.

The survey found 79 percent of respondents felt that based on environmental trends, Hong Kong's level of attractiveness to foreign investors is decreasing, and 59 percent thought a worsening environment might eventually cause their companies to invest more money elsewhere.

But 56 percent believed their companies would invest more money in Hong Kong rather than other parts of Asia if Hong Kong had a cleaner environment and better air quality.

The business group said its member companies collectively employ some 250,000 people in Hong Kong.

About 39 percent of those surveyed said the most important thing Hong Kong's government could do is work with mainland authorities to encourage a cleanup of mainland industry.

The survey was conducted by AC Nielsen, with questionnaires collected between June 19 and 30. *Reuters*

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Miñoza ties for 4th with 69, wins ₱1.8M

FRANKIE MIÑOZA FAILED TO SUSTAIN a blazing start of five birdies on his first seven holes, settling for a two-under-par 69 Sunday to wind up in a three-way tie for fourth yesterday in the 100 million yen Under Armour KBC Augusta at the Keya Golf Club in Fukuoka, Japan.

The 46-year-old Filipino star hit the turn with a 31 after a bogey on No. 9 and was actually the leader after another birdie on the 10th but he lost his touch with three bogeys on the next five holes to lose ground.

In the end, Frankie finished with a 12-under-par 272 total, four strokes behind winner Taichi Teshima of Japan, who closed out with a 66 to win the 20 million yen champion's prize by a stroke over compatriot Tetsuji Hiratsuka.

Miñoza, who had earlier rounds of 69-68-66, won 4,133,333 yen (about P1.8 million) as he ended up tied with Gregory Meyer (66) and Taiwan's Liang Wen-chong (67).

Nobuhiro Masuda of Japan was third at 271 after a 69 while third-round leader Lee Dong-hwan of Korea collapsed with a 72 to finish at 273 in a deadlock with Asian Tour star Prayad Marksaeng of Thailand (67).

It was the best finish in the Japan Tour for Minoza, who placed 11th at the Sun Chlorella Classic two weeks ago, which lifted him to 44th in the money list.

With yesterday's strong finish, Frankie moved up to 37th going into this week's Fujisankei Classic which he won in 2001 for the last of his six victories in the rich Japanese circuit.

Starting the day two strokes off the lead and one behind Teshima and Hiratsuka, Miñoza immediately grabbed the spotlight by gunning down birdies on the first and third holes.

Then the Filipino had three straight birdies on the fifth, sixth and seventh holes to tie Teshima for the lead. *Jong Arcano*

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WORLD CUP OF POOL

Bata, Django gain semis

Semifinal pairings:
No. 1 Philippines vs No. 4 Germany
No. 3 USA vs Vietnam

THE TOP-SEEDED PHILIPPINE PAIR of Efren "Bata" Reyes and Francisco "Django" Bustamante overcame unseeded the Czech Republic, 9-6, Saturday and forged a semifinal duel with No. Germany in the PartyPoker.com World Cup of Pool at the Newport Centre in Newport, South Wales in Britain.

Bannered by former world champion Oliver Ortmann and ex-International Challenge of Champions winner Thomas Engert, the German team subdued the fifth seed Taiwan combination of Yang Ching-shun and Wang Hung-hsian, 9-4.

Reyes and Bustamante, the top player from the Puyat Sports stable, blew a 3-0 lead then rallied from 4-6 to eliminate Czechs Roman Hybler and Michal Gavenviak.

"This was a scary match for us," said Bustamante in the official website of world cup of pool. "We got 3-0 ahead then they came back and they beat us four times in a row then it was 5-4 and 6-4. But it's a race to nine and everybody can win."

The third-ranked US team of Earl Strickland and Rodney Morris finally stopped the upset run of Hongkong only to find another underdog, Vietnam, as semifinal foe.

REYES PDI PHOTO

Strickland, a three-time world champion, and Morris, a former US Open gave Lee Chenman and Kong Man-Ho of Hongkong no room to entertain thoughts of a reversal with a 9-3 victory.

Vietnam, spearheaded by Thanh Nam Nguyen and Chi Dung Luong, continued its impressive escape act with a 9-8 decision against former world trick-shot champion Fabio Petroni and Angelo Millauro of No. 10 Italy.

The Vietnamese, the 2003 Vietnam Southeast Asian games runners-up both in the 8-ball pool doubles and 9-ball pool doubles, had shocked No. 15 Croatia (Ivan Kralj-Philipp Stojanovic) and No.2 Holland (Niels Feijen-Nick van den Berg) with the same 9-8 scores victory in the first two rounds.

The Filipinos, both former world No. 1 players, showed their mental strength in clustering five rack wins to secure a semifinal seat and a much-anticipated duel with Germany.

Reyes acknowledged in the official website that Germany is a very strong team with very good players "so we need some luck."

Philippine billiards godfather Aristeo "Putch" Puyat, long-time benefactor of Reyes and Bustamante, said conditioning will also play a key role in the event.

"Aside from mental toughness, you have to be in shape," said Puyat, noting that the semifinals and the finals will be longer than the earlier rounds. The semifinals will be a race-to-11 while the finals will be race-to-13.

The losing quarterfinalists in the $250,000 Scotch Doubles tournament received $10,000 each. *Marlon Bernardino, contributor*

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Pagunsan settles for third in Brunei

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, BRUNEI—Juvic Pagunsan struggled to shoot a level par 71 yesterday and settled for a share of third place in the $300,000 Brunei Open won in a playoff by Taiwanese veteran Wang Ter-chang.

The 27-year-old Pagunsan was not as deadly in the final round, failing to break par for the first time after mixing three birdies with the same number of bogeys.

After rounds of 66, 68 and 67, Pagunsan wound up tied at 212 with American Anthony Kang (69) and Rahil Gangjee of India (68), four strokes behind Wang and Australia's David Gleeson.

Though no official figures on the prize money were released in the Asian Tour website, Pagunsan, who entered the tournament ranked 90th in the money list with earnings of just over $12,000, jumped to 61st.

It was a stumbling finish for Pagunsan compared to the way he dominated the final two holes of the Empire Hotel and Country Club course. The former Canlubang mainstay put himself within a shot of the lead in the earlier rounds after going five-under in the final two holes in the first three rounds. But he could only par 17th and 18th yesterday.

Still, it was the best finish for Pagunsan, winner of the rich The Country Club Invitational—his first tournament as a pro.

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Special Edition runs down Lakambini Stakes field

By Musong R. Castillo

OUTSTANDING PICK SPECIAL EDITION worked from behind the pack before flashing her trademark finishing kick yesterday to rule the 2006 Lakambini Stakes under veteran rider Manolito Daquis.

The three-year-old black filly zipped past the pacesetters one by one to win by five lengths over distant second pick Jet Sutter and pocket the year's unofficial championship for fillies.

With Daquis vigorously hand-riding his mount and applying the whip furiously entering the final two quarters, Special Edition clocked 1 minute and 54 seconds over 1,800 meters at the Santa Ana Park to win P600,000.

Her time was two seconds behind the all-comers' mark held by super horse Real Spicy, but it was enough to give Special Edition her second big win this year after a victory in the second leg of the Triple Crown series.

"She really had a lot left for the stretch," Daquis said of the daughter of Conquistarose out of Gold Edition, who had split times of 13, 24, 24, 24, 25 and 28.

Jessie B. Guce drove Jet Sutter hard in the final straight to nip a fading Rebecca's Magic and John Saulog for second worth P225,000, while Mes Monique, the speedball who opted not to set the pace, settled for fourth and P50,000.

Rebecca's Magic, who trailed early pacer Business Class before joining the rallying group at the far turn, won P125,000.

Joe Noel D. Camu handled Mes Monique in place of Jeffryl T. Zarate, who opted not to ride and start serving his one-year suspension after being caught dropping handicap plate weights aboard Slatkis in the Imported Stakes Series last week.

Twelve Or Never, who like Jet Sutter, Tigres in Action and Special Edition campaigned in this year's Triple Crown, wound up fifth.

Tigers roar, gobble up Eagles streak

GAMES THURSDAY (Ninoy Aquino Stadium)
2 p.m.—UP vs UST (Srs)
4 p.m.—UE vs Adamson (Srs)

By Jasmine W. Payo

RIGHT AFTER THE UNIVERSITY OF Santo Tomas Tigers got blown off the court by the Ateneo Blue Eagles in the first round, coach Pido Jarencio vowed there would be hell to pay.

It wasn't an empty threat.

Bucking a crippled roster, the Tigers served revenge in cold fashion, halting the Eagles' bid for a little school history via a pulsating 88-80 overtime victory yesterday in the UAAP men's basketball tournament at the PhilSports Arena.

Jervy Cruz supplied the offense in overtime, knocking in 10 of his 14 points to help the Tigers keep a lock of third place with an even 5-5 card.

But the Eagles will charge the loss—their first after eight wins—to their failure to protect a three-point lead in the final 10 seconds of the match.

Ateneo was a rebound short of making school history with its first 9-0 winning streak, surrendering an offensive board to UST's Allan Evangelista after a split by Japs Cuan that turned a 66-69 Tigers deficit into a tied ballgame with a little over five seconds to play.

"We dictated the tempo of the game," said Jarencio.

Earlier, Far Eastern U drubbed National University, 72-60, and remained in the hunt for the last two semifinal slots.

The Tamaraws hiked their record to 5-6 while the Bulldogs slipped to 3-8.

UST came into the game as the unlikeliest squad to snap the Eagles's streak. Not only were the Tigers at the wrong end of a 114-78 first-round beating against Ateneo, they continued to miss the services of core players Jemal Vizcarra, Anthony Espiritu, Jojo Duncil and Jun Cortez due to varied injuries and illnesses.

"[But] The players who were left, we knew how to use them," said Jarencio

The scores:

First Game (Srs)

FEU 72—Chan 16, Gerilla 12, Fernandez 10, Mangahas 8, Baracael 7, Villanueva 7, Barcellano 7, Dela Cruz 3, Adolfo 2, Afable 0, Gonzales 0.

NU 60—Fernandez 13, Asoro 13, Malcontento 11, Flor 9, Lingao-Lingao 6, Malagueno 5, Salamat 2, Jahnke 1, Luy 0, Garcia 0, Dela Cruz 0, Catamora 0.

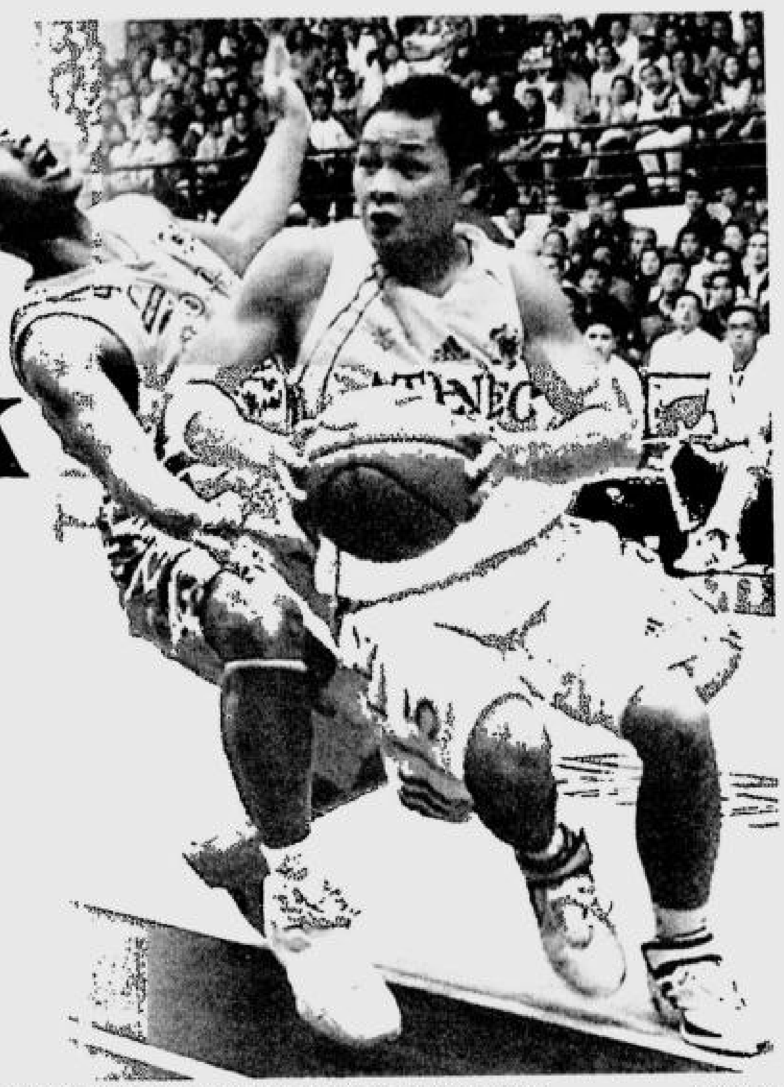
Quarters: 11-12, 28-30, 52-46, 72-60

Second Game (Srs)

UST 88—Evangelista 30, Ababou 20, Cruz 14, Allera 13, Canlas 4, Dizon 3, Taylor 2, Cuan 2, Gile 0.

ATENEO 80—Tiu 24, Intal 19, Kramer 11, Escalona 10, Arao 9, Escueta 4, Uichico 2, Quimson 1, Salamat 0, reyes 0, Laterre 0, Barracoso 0, Al-Hussaini 0.

Quarters: 15-16, 38-34, 53-53, 69-69, 88-80 (OT)



ATENEO'S Macky Escalona bumps into UST's Japs Cuan. RUDY ESPERAS

Salvador blows GM title bid

FILIPINO FIDE MASTER ROLAND SALVADOR bowed to overnight co-leader Albanian GM Erald Dervishi and blew his chance for the third and final grandmaster result Saturday in the 2006 international tournament dubbed as Conca della Presolana in Bratto, Italy.

Salvador lost with the white pieces in 38 moves of a Queen's Indian encounter and, with 5.5 points, dropped into a tie for 9th to 20th place along with his ninth and final-round opponent Italian FIDE Master Pietro Mola.

Had the 24-year-old San Jose del Monte, Bulacan native won, he would have earned a match against the other GMs now in the top bracket of the standings.

According to the FIDE handbook, an aspiring player aiming to earn a GM result needs to play at least two GMs coming from different federations or countries with a minimum 5.5 or 6.0 points score.

Dervishi improved to 6.5 points and shared the lead with Ukrainian GM Dimitri Komarov, who trounced Italian FM Luca Shytaj in just 25 moves of a Queen's Pawn game.

Tied for 3rd to 8th placers with 6.0 points each were GM Milan Drasko (Serbia and Montenegro), GM Atila Grozpeter (Hungary), GM Miso Cebalo (Croatia), IM Herman Grooten (Netherlands), Roberto Mogranzini (Italy) and Marthan Baquero (Italy).

Salvador failed in his bid to join the elite GM group of Mark Paragua, Eugene Torre, Rogelio Antonio Jr., Nelson Mariano II, Buenaventura Villamayor and the late Rosendo Balinas. *NM Marlon Bernardino*

A pool architect cries for government help

BARE EYE

Recah Trinidad

(FAREWELL: Three of the finest people we have had the luck of befriending have traveled to the Great Beyond. Prayers please for Ms Lorna Natividad, a woman of character who never tired fighting for honesty in Philippine sports; Greg Cendaña, debonaire media mogul mainly responsible for launching the careers of many broadcast stars today; Alex Arroyo, policeman and ever-reliable member of the pool of coaches in the Amateur Boxing Association of the Philippines.)

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SOMETHING HAPPILY ABNORMAL HAPPENED to a big loser in the recent national pool championship mounted by the Billiards and Snooker Congress of the Philippines (BSCP).

The defeated semifinalist landed in the sports page with a big feature story as though he was the one who had bagged the top P1 million prize.

There was no glowing follow-up on how Alex "The Lion" Pagulayan had essayed a dazzling mastery of the game, anchored on perfect defensive placements, to raze the field that included established stars and the so-called sharks of the future.

Two days after Pagulayan's feat was headlined in the sports pages, the young Jeff de Luna merited a hefty feature story, suggesting he was the greatest new thing that ever happened to RP pool.

OK, De Luna may have been aptly labeled the next Efren "Bata" Reyes. However, Pagulayan played so superbly that he also made De Luna appear like a kid lost in the woods (*pinabili ng suka*) in their one-sided semifinal bout.

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Shouldn't Gandy Valle, the losing finalist, have gotten the deserved feature treatment ahead of De Luna?

Certainly. But Valle himself could not do any better (than De Luna) in the title match against Pagulayan, visibly in the same peak form as when he won the 2004 World Pool Championship in Taipei.

Well, nothing really wrong with promising big losers getting featured like real champions.

This is not to encourage mediocrity, explains sportsman Perry Mariano, who could be the culprit behind the unexpected post-championship story on De Luna.

Mariano did not say it, but if De Luna had appeared mediocre in his national pool championship semifinal appearance, the young man could not be faulted.

The big blame for the unscheduled unmasking should fall on Pagulayan himself.

The Lion played a notch above the usual superb form and, in the process, reduced De Luna's fresh stature.

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Against Pagulayan, De Luna hardly resembled the young shark that had shot down internationalists Jose Parica, Warren Kiamco, Ramil Gallego, Antonio Gabica and Dennis Orcollo in the national pool series.

Anyway, Mariano, son of the venerable architect Engracio Mariano, who helped carve out a quiet part of Makati's regal skyline, is in the thick of a campaign to hasten the growth of pool in the Philippines.

Jeff de Luna is in his stable, and the young star's media hype could be partly credited to Mariano's closeness to several young pool writers.

"Media exposure is also very vital to firm them up for world-class competitions," says Mariano.

Mariano has what could be called a success formula, but he claims he could apply this only with limited success.

Other than De Luna, Mariano, dusky and long-haired, manages the careers of other international campaigners like Gabica, Orcullo and Ronnie Alcano.

He spends quite a sum to keep them at peak form. If not competing, these cue artists are made to play at least a hundred racks a day in classy parlor that also serves as their quarters.

But that's the best he could do to push their game up and up, Mariano says, quickly adding there are definitely better ways these players could shoot up on their road to international stardom.

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For example, Mariano dreams that the promised pool academy, where local aspirants and rising stars could hone their techniques and skills, would finally be a reality.

But his biggest wish, to come up with an architecture that would be the foundation of solid pool greatness, has so far remained an elusive dream.

"What we really need is to be able to send more young players to compete in international circuits, mainly in the United States," Mariano explains.

Mariano claims he has more than a handful of players who could have shone a long time ago had they not been stuck here due to repeated failure to secure a visa to the USA.

"Look at the case of Bata Reyes," Mariano says, "he had to wait for over a decade for possible successors because there were not enough Filipino players who could go out and sharpen their skills against the best in the world."

No, Mariano says he's not about to blame the overly strict liaison people at the US Embassy.

"But maybe our government could help so we could send more players to the US," Mariano begs.

He says many players, who could have long ago followed in the footsteps of Bata Reyes, are wasting away here at home.

Mariano claims the BSCP could itself not help in the problem.

As a last resort, Mariano plans to organize a federation of Filipino pool players, with the hope this could help them get past killing red tape at the US Embassy here.

Perry Mariano is dead sure that the greatest school of pool, where legendary sharks sharpen their teeth, is still the rich US circuit.

SPORTSWATCH

Alcano tops Pasadena 8-ball

RONATO "RONNIE CALAMBA" ALCANO DOWNED TEXAS PRIDE JUI-LUNG Chen, 10-6, to rule the winner's side bracket and secure an IPT card in the International Pool Tour (IPT) qualification tournament Saturday at the Jillians Billiard Hall in Pasadena, California. The 34-year-old Filipino had earlier won over Oscar Dominguez (10-9), Corey Harper (10-5) and Ismael Paez (10-8) while Chen nipped Dan Burdick (10-1), Arturo Rivera (10-6) and Tang Hoa (10-6). With the win Alcano advanced to the main draw of the 2006 International Pool Tour World Open 8-ball Championship at the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino in Reno, Nevada slated Sept. 2-10. ***Marlon Bernardino, contributor***

Bates stagfest gets going

THE ANNUAL R. L. BATES 7- STAG DERBY SIZZLES TODAY AT THE MAKATI Coliseum with more than 70 encounters on tap. Former ambassador Danding Cojuangco heads the elite cast that includes Gov. Ito Ynares, Pol Estrellado, Rudy Salud, Lito Orillaza, Jun Santiago, Boy Jiao, William Co, Sundance Group, Col. Necitas Katigbak, boxing champ Manny Pacquiao, Louie Cua and Boy de Roca. Also in the list are former Sen. Ramon Revilla. The event, backed by B-Meg Derby Ace, stakes a whopping guaranteed prize of P700,000. For details, call 8963545 and 8956475.

Rambulan at SJC 4th round up

ROUND FOUR OF THE BLOCKBUSTER RAMBULAN 5-STAG DERBY GETS under way at San Juan Coliseum beginning at 5 p.m. today with 70 new participants seeing action. Derby sponsor is Sagupaan Complexor 3000. A guaranteed prize of P200,000 will be shared by two pointers today as bonus to qualifiers according to promoter Ronnie Lacsina. After three days of intense battle, 35 participants with two points have already advanced to the championship round on Wednesday. For details, call 0918–9001411 or 7255369 and 7256563.

WORLD FINALIST: Philippine bet Thomas Lee (second from left) shows off the certification as Class A champion he received from Dr. Rainier Thiel, president and CEO of Daimler Chrysler Southeast Asia during the MercedesTrophy Asian Regional Final held in Queensland, Australia early this month. Lee flies to Stuttgart, Germany via Cathay Pacific Airways this week to join eight others in the World Final.

Delposo, Sevilleno jot race milestones

CEBU CITY—EUGENE DELPOSO DEthroned perennial winner Rogelio Reli even as Christy Sevilleno barely captured her fourth straight women's title yesterday in the 30th National Milo Marathon here at the Cebu Sports Center.

Delposo, who placed second in the 5K run last year, ran elbow to elbow with Reli early on then stepped on the gas when they reached the turning point of the race. Delposo, however, was joined at the lead by Adonis Singson with eight kilometers remaining but left him behind with two kilometers to go.

"I really kept my eyes on Reli because I know he is strong but I sensed that he was not at peak condition," said the 19-year-old Delposo, a BS Information Technology student of the University of Southern Philippines Foundation, in Filipino.

Delposo completed the 21K race in one hour, 12 minutes and 37 seconds. Singson placed second at 1:13:08 while John Dueñas settled for third at 1:15:48.

Reli placed fourth yesterday and missed running for the MILO Marathon Finals for the first time in four years.

While Sevilleno set the pace in the distaff side right from the start, she nearly lost the race in the final stretch.

Unaware that Sharon Vega was catching up on her, Sevilleno crossed the finish line in 1:36:49. Vega, on the other hand, came in four seconds behind her.

"I wasn't able to train well for this marathon because I had a lot of school work," said Sevilleno, a graduating BS Education student of University of Cebu.

PARTICIPANTS of the Cebu leg are all green and ready to go at the starting line.

UST is UAAP's all-time best in basketball

CLEAN LIVING

Manolo R. Iñigo

I WAS ASKED RECENTLY by the hosts of GamePlan to rank the greatest UAAP basketball teams of all time as part of their Sunday telecast of the ongoing 69th season of the University Athletic Association of the Philippines.

I knew my ranking would elicit a lot of diversified replies, especially from the loyal followers of the member-schools, but I am prepared to welcome their views.

After sorting out what was left of the UAAP records—most of which were either lost or burned during the Pacific War—and asking the experts to help me make my decision much easier, I came out with a ranking of the top UAAP basketball teams which figured prominently since the league was founded on Sept. 27, 1938: University of Santo Tomas, Far Eastern University and University of the East.

The holders of 17 UAAP cage titles, the UST Growling Tigers—then known as the Glowing Goldies—topped my list based on their strong showing, particularly during the pre-war years, the 1940s and until the mid-60s and early 70s.

Roberto Yburan, Renato Reyes, Danny Florencio, fleet-footed Val Rosabal and Eddie Pacheco were familiar names. UST also dominated the UAAP cage wars in the 1990s, winning four straight championships from 1993 to 1996 under coach Aric del Rosario.

Several UST players represented the Philippines in the Olympics, World Basketball Championship and the Asian Games. Ramon Manulat and Nap Flores played with the Philippine team which placed third in the world cagefest in Rio de Janeiro in 1954 under coach Herminio "Herr" Silva. In the National Open, UST won in 1937, 1940 and 1941. Two of its most outstanding players before the UAAP era were Primitivo "Tibing" Martinez and Jacinto "Jumping Jack" Ciria Cruz, who were both enshrined in the Hall of Fame together with fellow Thomasians Fely and Gabby Fajardo.

When the UAAP resumed in 1946, UST won all its games to capture the championship again. Among the members of the team were Ramoncito Campos Jr., Francisco Nepomuceno, who became a congressman and governor of Pampanga; Valentin "Tito" Eduque and Julian Malonso, a retired colonel who served as president of the Philippine Olympic Committee in 1980.

The runner-up was FEU, my No. 2 choice in the ranking.

Among the members of the team were Luis Tabuena, the Araneta brothers, Marciano and Manolet, who became a member of the Philippine team to the 1948 London Olympics; Jose "Peping" Gochangco, who played in the 1952 Helsinki Olympics; and Virgilio "Baby" Dalupan, who later moved to UE where he became its director of physical education and coach of the Red Warriors, the most dominant UAAP team in the 1960s until the early 1970s, winning seven straight championships from 1965 to 1971.

The Tamaraws were the first UAAP champions in 1938.

It is now the winningest school in the league with 19 titles tucked under its belt. FEU contributed players to the Olympics, Asian Games and ABC (Asian Basketball Confederation) tournaments: Manolet Araneta, Andy de la Cruz and Edgardo "Ding" Fulgencio (1948 London Olympics), Meliton Santos and Jose Gochangco (1952 Helsinki), Gerry Cruz (1960 Rome) and Engracio "Boy" Arazas, Manny Jocson and Arturo Valenzona (1964 pre-Oympics in Yokohama, Japan). Bayani Amador represented FEU in the 1954 world championship.

Other standouts were Johnny Abarrientos, who donned the colors in the 1998 Bangkok Asiad and Herminio "Togay" Astorga, who shone in both the NCAA and UAAP in the 1950s. In 2003, the Tamaraws, handled by coach Koy Banal, beat the Ateneo Blue Eagles and repeated in 2005.

UE also made my list. The Red Warriors, under legendary coach and Hall of Famer Dalupan, won a total of 18 UAAP basketball championships, winning seven straight titles from 1965 to 1971.

It won its last UAAP crown in 1985. UE contributed a lot to the country's Olympic, Asian Games and ABC campaigns. Among the Warriors who became household names in the 1950-1960 eras were Constancio Ortiz Jr. and Roehl Nadurata, who became a councilor in Caloocan City and presendy a member of the Red Bull coaching staff. Other UE notables included Allan Caidic, Jerry Codiñera, Jimmy Mariano and Robert "Sonny" Jaworski, the "Living Legend" who became a senator. Jaworski boasts an impressive record in the hard court for more than three decades in both the defunct Manila Industrial Commercial Athletic Association and the PBA.

He retired in 1999 at the age of 52, "the oldest man ever to play pro basketball anywhere in the world," according to avid sports fan Paul Mortel.

SMB-RP bags Brunei title

Seigle named MVP as Pinoys crush Aussies in final

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN—DANNY Seigle was perfect from the field last night, shooting 25 points as the San Miguel-RP Team demolished the Darwin All-Stars, 96-65, to win the 6th Shell Rimula Brunei championship.

Seigle was named the tournament Most Valuable Player despite averaging less than 20 minutes of playing time.

"I told the boys to treat this game as if it were our last (as a national team)," coach Chot Reyes told the INQUIRER in an overseas call.

"This (championship), like our past accomplishment (against Lebanon), brings with it mixed emotions," Reyes continued. "It's a pity because we really do not know whether we will play in another tournament again."

The Philippines continues to be suspended from playing internationally pending the result of a crucial Fiba meeting in Japan.

The Filipinos, who won this tournament for the second straight year, made the title game after disposing of a rough-playing Saudi Arabia side, 79-48, Saturday night at the National Indoor Stadium here.

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Dondon Hontiveros had welts all over while Dennis Miranda, Olsen Racela and Niño Canaleta suffered bruises like kids bullied in a playground.

Even Asi Taulava, Mark Telan, Dorian Peña and Danny Seigle weren't spared as they got bumped, hacked and smacked in frustration by their outclassed rivals.

"The other team wasn't even concerned about playing basketball. They just want to throw their bodies at us and play it rough," said San Miguel-RP Team coach Chot Reyes after the Filipinos arranged a title showdown with the Darwin All-Stars.

The Australians, seeded third in the semifinals, stunned the SK Knights, 90-83, in the other semifinal game.

"They got pissed off because they couldn't score," said Reyes. "There was even a time in the third quarter that we're getting drawn into that situation."

The Filipinos raced to a 23-9 advantage with Taulava and Peña lording it over in the lane and Renren Ritualo and Seigle draining their three-pointers.

Mark Telan then came up with eight points in a 16-1 tear. *June Navarro*

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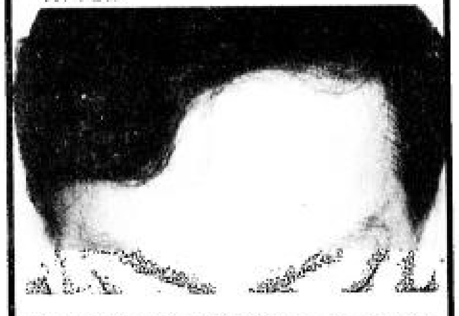

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ANTHONY: Top scorer

REUTERS

SAITAMA, JAPAN—CARMELO ANTHONY scored 20 points, and the Americans smothered Australia in the second quarter and ran away to a 113-73 victory Sunday in the second round of the World Championships.

Joe Johnson added 18 points, and Dwyane Wade had 15 for the Americans, who allowed only two baskets and six points in the second period en route to a 30-point halftime lead. The United States shot 54 percent from the field, including 14-of-27 from 3-point range, and led by as many as 42 points.

"That goes to show that when we really get focused in and play defense," Anthony said, "we can do some damage."

The United States (6-0) advanced to a quarterfinal matchup Wednesday night against Germany, which beat Nigeria, 78-77, in the first game of the day behind 23 points from Dirk Nowitzki, the All-Star forward from the Dallas Mavericks.

"I think we're as ready as we're ever going to be right now," US point guard Chris Paul said.

The Germans were the bronze medalists in the 2002 World Championships.

The Americans were sixth that year, their worst performance ever in a major international tournament. But they continue to look like one of the favorites in Japan after surpassing the 100-point mark for the fifth time in six games.

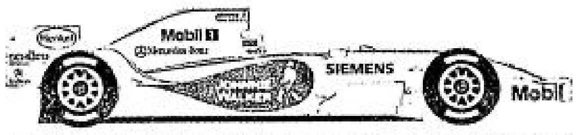
"They're pretty good," Australia's Brad Newley said. "Oh, they're very good. They creamed us."

The Americans are averaging 109.3 points in the tournament. All 12 players scored against Australia.

And this time, the defense was there, too. The Americans weren't always sharp on that end during pool play, when they allowed 85.6 points per game.

"Coach K made it a point to let us know good our defense was," center Chris Bosh said. "We probably played our best defensive game."

Andrew Bogut, the No. 1 pick in the 2005 NBA draft who just completed his rookie season with the Milwaukee Bucks, led Australia with 20 points. But he was scoreless for a stretch of more than 15 minutes, when the Americans outscored the Australians, 45-14. *AP*



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Cink floats past stumbling Tiger

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AKRON, OHIO—STEWART CINK CAPITALIZED on Tiger Woods' longest streak of bogeys in nearly 10 years to take a one-stroke lead Saturday at the Bridgestone Invitational, shooting a 6-under-64 and moving atop the leaderboard after three rounds.

While Woods bogeyed four straight, Cink made two great par saves early in his round to help shape a 9-under 201 total.

Cink moved into a position similar to 2004, when he took a third-round lead and went on to win at Firestone South a week after he was named a captain's pick for the Ryder Cup team. He was picked again for the US team by Tom Lehman on Monday, but his lead two years ago was five shots.

Besides Woods, also within a stroke Saturday were Davis Love III and Paul Casey of England, who matched Cink with a 64.

"I've got a lot more of a dog fight on my hands," Cink said. "I don't control my own destiny nearly as much as I did at that time. So it feels quite differently. The one thing that is a common thread is I've played well and putted well this week."

Love took advantage of Woods' collapse by running off three straight birdies around the turn to build a three-shot lead, but he gave them all back over the final seven holes, including a 3-foot par putt he missed on the 16th. He wound up with a 70.

Given his history at Firestone—four victories in eight years, never outside the top 10—Woods appeared to seize control of the tournament when he chipped in from 25 feet on the third hole for birdie to build a two-shot lead.

Then came a transformation that shook up the leaderboard.

It started with a three-putt from the back of the green on the par-5 fifth, followed by a 7-foot par putt that he missed after hitting into the bunker. On the seventh, he jabbed at a simple chip and came up 5 feet short, missing that par putt. *AP*

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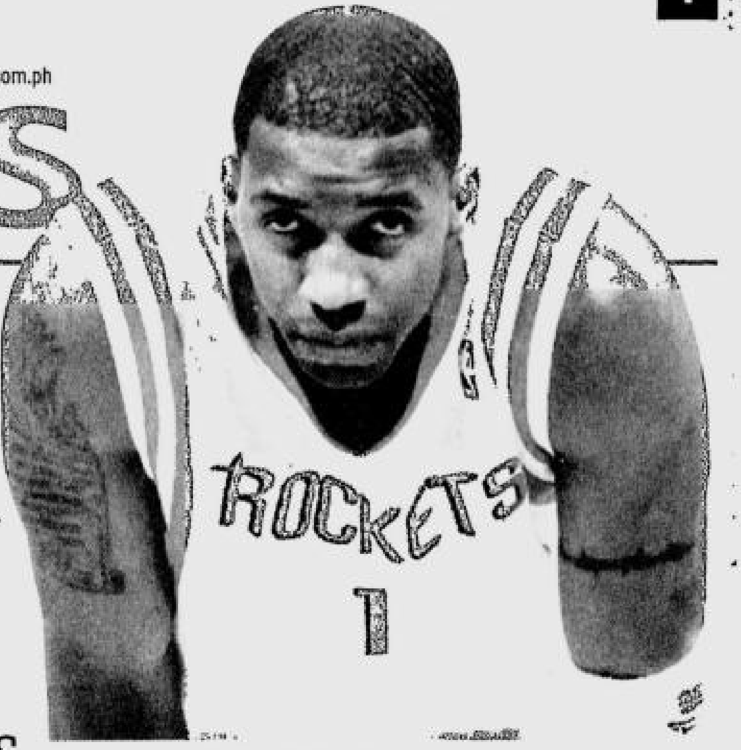

HE'LL ROCK YOU: Tracy McGrady. PHOTO BY JESSE D. GARRABRANT/NBAE VIA GETTY IMAGES

Adidas' biggest NBA star touches base with Pinoy fans

MAN WITH A MISSION: Versatile T-Mac shows off an explosive dunk. Quick on his feet, T-Mac's speed and agility have catapulted him to NBA super stardom.

By Francis Ochoa

SIX YEARS AGO, HE CAME TO the country as a young talent ready to explode out of his shell and into superstardom.

This time, Adidas brings Tracy McGrady back to the Philippines as a certified National Basketball Association All-Star with tremendous achievements, a huge following and a passion for Asia.

"This summer marks my third time to Asia, and I continue to look forward to these trips every year," said the cager popularly known as T-Mac. "Over the last couple of years, I have continued to gain great respect and love for everyone in Asia. I appreciated all that my fans have done for me on these tours and look forward to meeting more of them this year and thanking them for their support."

McGrady, a product of the Mount Zion Christian Academy in North Carolina, is one of those rare NBA talents who successfully made the jump from high school to the professional ranks.

Swingman's aerial creativity

The 27-year-old swingman discovered his athletic talent at a young age and burst onto the basketball scene with a jaw-dropping leaping ability and aerial creativity. After hooking up with the Toronto Raptors in his rookie year in the league, McGrady wanted to prove he was more than just a highlight reel.

He wanted to be a franchise-type player.

And so he signed up with the Orlando Magic six years ago, and that was when he metamorphosed into a complete package.

His cunning court moves, sly crossover dribbles, and incredible ability to create plays whether on isolation, from the post or off screens made him a bona fide phenomenon on the basketball court. So much so that Adidas signed the 6-foot-8 super star to a unique and unprecedented pact—a lifetime partnership.

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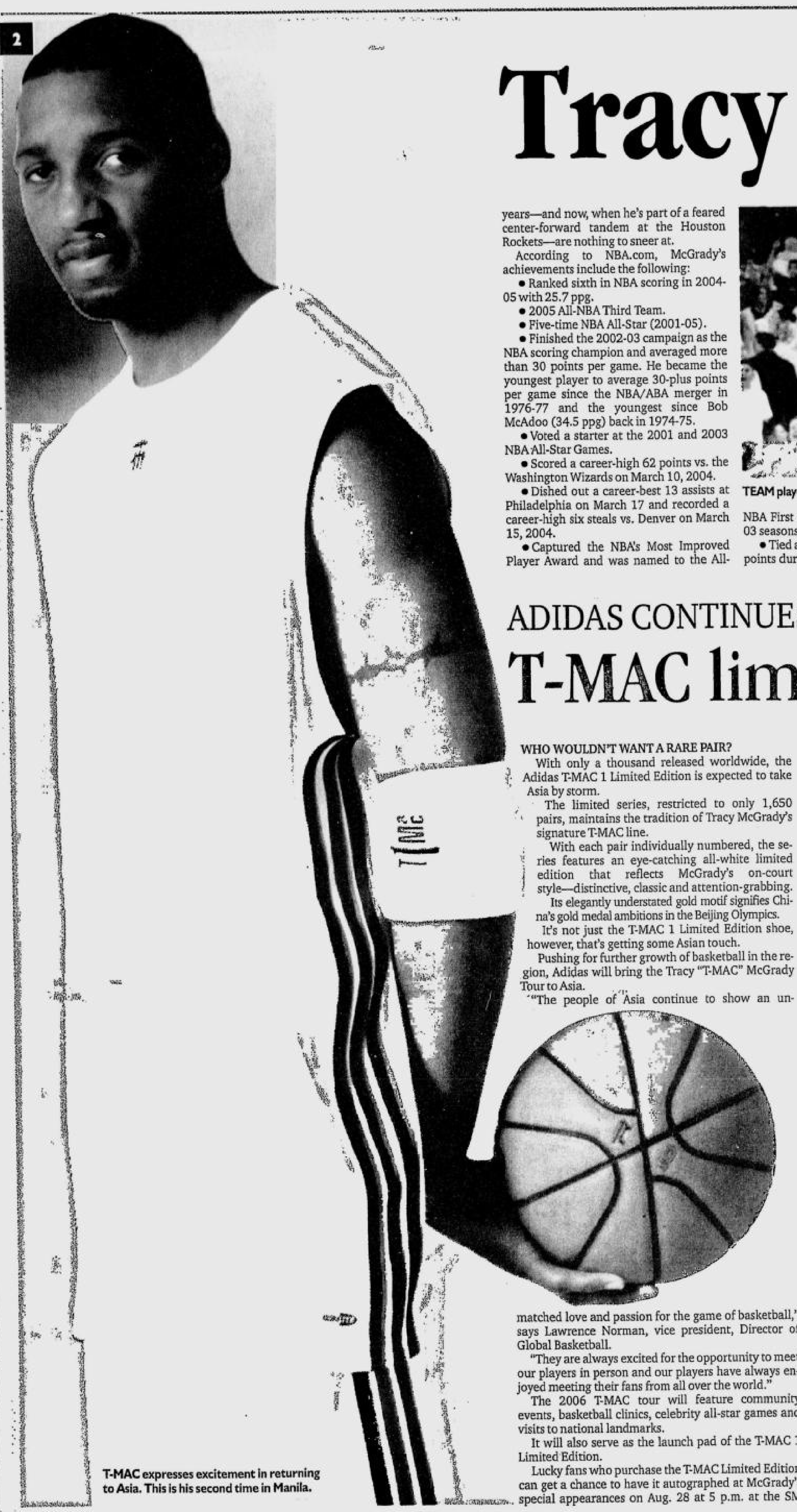

T-MAC expresses excitement in returning to Asia. This is his second time in Manila.

years—and now, when he's part of a feared center-forward tandem at the Houston Rockets—are nothing to sneer at.

According to NBA.com, McGrady's achievements include the following:

- Ranked sixth in NBA scoring in 2004-05 with 25.7 ppg.
- 2005 All-NBA Third Team.
- Five-time NBA All-Star (2001-05).
- Finished the 2002-03 campaign as the NBA scoring champion and averaged more than 30 points per game. He became the youngest player to average 30-plus points per game since the NBA/ABA merger in 1976-77 and the youngest since Bob McAdoo (34.5 ppg) back in 1974-75.
- Voted a starter at the 2001 and 2003 NBA All-Star Games.
- Scored a career-high 62 points vs. the Washington Wizards on March 10, 2004.
- Dished out a career-best 13 assists at Philadelphia on March 17 and recorded a career-high six steals vs. Denver on March 15, 2004.
- Captured the NBA's Most Improved Player Award and was named to the All-NBA First Team in the 2001-02 and 2002-03 seasons.
- Tied a franchise playoff record with 42 points during Game 3 on Apr. 28, 2001 vs. Milwaukee.
- Recorded a rookie season-h points and 8 rebounds against the N sey Nets on Feb. 13, 1998.

TEAM player Tracy McGrady says he likes it best when the players around him become

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It's not just the T-MAC 1 Limited Edition shoe, however, that's getting some Asian touch.

Pushing for further growth of basketball in the region, Adidas will bring the Tracy "T-MAC" McGrady Tour to Asia.

"The people of Asia continue to show an unmatched love and passion for the game of basketball," says Lawrence Norman, vice president, Director of Global Basketball.

"They are always excited for the opportunity to meet our players in person and our players have always enjoyed meeting their fans from all over the world."

The 2006 T-MAC tour will feature community events, basketball clinics, celebrity all-star games and visits to national landmarks.

It will also serve as the launch pad of the T-MAC 1 Limited Edition.

Lucky fans who purchase the T-MAC Limited Edition can get a chance to have it autographed at McGrady's special appearances on Aug. 28 at 5 p.m. at the SM Mall of Asia Music Hall or on Aug. 29 at 11 a.m. at the Adidas store in Glorietta, Makati.

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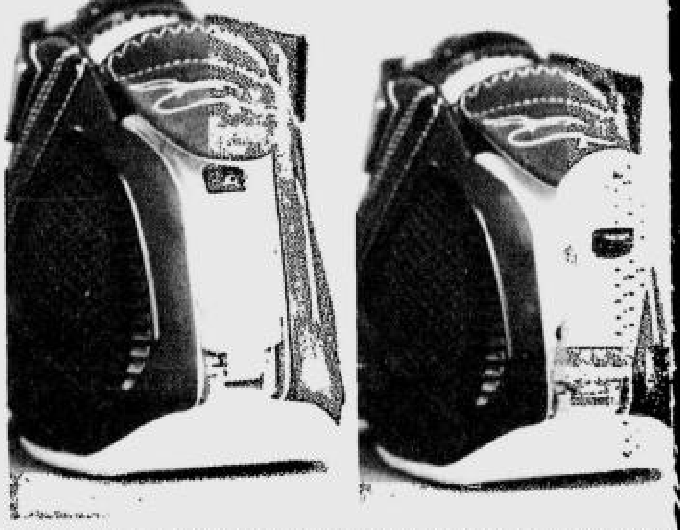

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T-MAC I, launched in 2000, provides precise fit.

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- **T-MAC 1:** LAUNCHED IN 2000, THE physical elements of the shoe, particularly the back of the heel, were influenced by T-Mac's passion for cars, especially his Lamborghini. This was the first time Adidas used the HUG technology. It is a closure system found in boots. This closure system provides the users with precise fit.

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T-MAC 5: The latest innovation in the series, the T-MAC 5 features a lightweight synthetic leather upper with geoFIT pods and a molded strap. Its midsole boasts of an internal EVA with TPU heel inserts, chassis and a customized molded PU sockliner with adiPRENE®+. Moreover, the T-MAC 5 is characterized by an Asian design element, through the inclusion of wood in the shoe. The wood represents the basketball court. T-Mac says: "I really wanted something that represented me and my passion for the game, so we decided to do something that had never been done before in a basketball shoe and that was to put a piece of the court into it."

Soon, Adidas will also be launching T-MAC 6. Now that's definitely something to look forward to!

THE T-MAC 5 is launched in the US via an exciting campaign called "Folklore." Here, McGrady (c

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- Scored 9 points, in 10 minutes, in the Schick Rookie Game during the 1998 NBA All-Star Weekend in New York.
- Made his first career NBA start, totaling 13 points and 5 rebounds, against the Washington Wizards on Dec. 31 1997.
- Made his NBA debut against the Miami Heat on Oct. 31, 1997.
- Named the USA Today Player of the Year and the North Carolina state Player of the Year by The Associated Press after his senior year at Mount Zion Christian.

Once-in-a-lifetime treat

Meeting a player with those credentials is usually considered a once-in-a-lifetime treat for Filipino hoop fans. And yet, Adidas has made it possible for local enthusiasts to meet the man for the second time.

Manila is the third stop of a four-city Asian tour that includes Seoul, Guangzhou and Hong Kong. The tour gives T-Mac a chance to touch base with his fans and build on the expanding passion for basketball in the region.

T-Mac's 2006 visit to Manila will feature community events including basketball clinics, celebrity all-star exhibitions with Filipino basketball pros, and mall visits. A special focus for T-Mac on this visit will be telling the story of how "Impossible is Nothing" has been more than a tagline in his life, but an ethos that has driven him to success.

T-MAC will also use the tour as an opportunity to launch his highly anticipated limited edition T-MAC 1 Adidas shoes. The shoes, distinctively all white, except for a stylishly understated gold Olympic motif, will be individually numbered and will include a Tracy McGrady signature.

Limited edition

Catch T-Mac as he launches his Limited Edition shoes on Aug. 28 at the Music Hall of the SM Mall of Asia at 5 p.m.; and on Aug. 29, he will be greeting fans in the Ayala Malls Glorietta 3 Adidas store at 11 a.m.

With his talent and his love for Asia, it is not a stretch to say that the 210-lb McGrady could be a champion player by the time he makes a third visit to the country.

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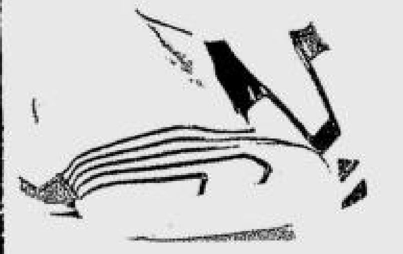

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T-MAC shows the T-MAC 4.

Certified NBA super star never fails to amaze fans

By Roy Luarca

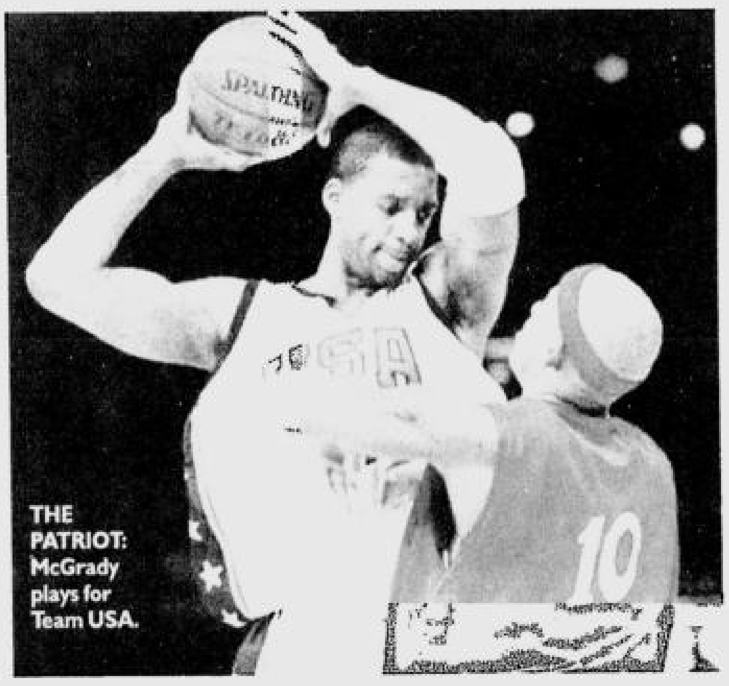
HE CAN SOAR, SCORE AND ROAR—with authority.

Tracy Lamar McGrady can make the crowd roar with his gravity-defying slam dunks. But he can also make them cringe in panic whenever he crashes to the floor.

He'd taken so many nasty falls that back spasms and an assortment of injuries now hound him—even though he's only 27.

Well, T-Mac has always been that way since childhood. Carefree, innovative, reckless to a fault.

One thing that sets him apart, though, is his scoring flair.



THE PATRIOT: McGrady plays for Team USA.

High school years

During his memorable high school years at the Mount Zion Christian Academy and Auburndale High School, T-Mac regularly lit up the charts.

His tremendous talent caught the fancy of NBA scouts, who wasted no time in offering him oodles of money to skip college and jump straight into the pro ranks.

Selected by the Toronto Raptors in the first round (ninth overall) of the 1997 NBA Draft, T-Mac was traded to the Orlando Magic in exchange for a future first-round draft pick in a sign-and-trade deal.

He was then shipped to the Houston Rockets along with Juwan Howard, Tyronn Lue and Reece Gaines in exchange for Steve Francis, Cuttino Mobley and Kelvin Cato in 2004.

Scoring champion

With his latent talent coming to the fore, it didn't take long for T-Mac to become a certified superstar. He emerged the youngest player to average 30-plus points per game when he reigned as NBA scoring champion during the 2002-03 season.

The following season, he retained the scoring title even though injuries—and the defense thrown at him—lowered his average to 28 points per game.

One night, however, T-Mac was at his offensive best and he torched the Washington Wizards for a career-high 62 points.

All-Star starter

Though he has yet to be named MVP, T-Mac is not wanting in accolades, having been voted a starter at the 2001 and 2003 NBA All-Star Games. In addition, he won the Most Improved Player Award in 2001.

For years, fans swooned over his head fakes, crossover dribbles and snap jumpers that often catch defenders off-guard.

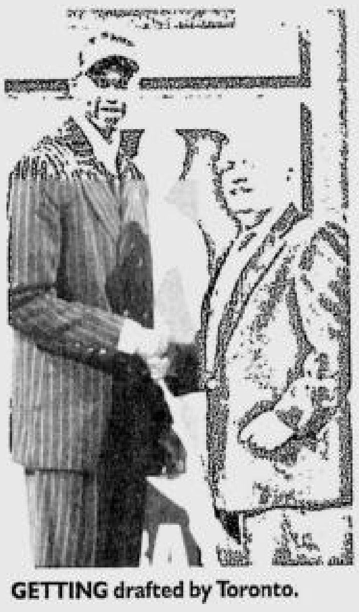
Last year, however, chronic back spasms held him down. He spent more time off the floor than on it to let his aching muscles heal.

But T-Mac is no longer complaining.

The forced break enabled him to spend quality time with daughter Layla Clarice, son Laymen Lamar and fiancee Clarenda Harris.

Now, Tracy McGrady is back in deadly form for the coming season. Ready to take flight and get back into orbit.

YOUNG T-Mac, pride of Mount Zion



GETTING drafted by Toronto.

T-MAC'S first love was baseball and he dreamed of playing in the Major Leagues.

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Mission-driven T-Mac

BLESSED WITH AGILITY, THE SMARTS and exceptional athleticism, Tracy McGrady is undoubtedly one of the finest basketball players of his generation.

Two scoring titles, a Most Improved Player award, six All-Star stints and five selections for the mythical team of the All-National Basketball Association team is quite a long list of achievement for someone drafted out of high school.

And he's just going into his ninth NBA season.

Being one of the best is a recognition McGrady truly deserves—one he earned after making that bold move to bolt Toronto and take another team —the Orlando Magic—on his shoulders.

But, despite all his individual achievements, T-Mac likes to think of himself as a team player whose main objective is to win games for his team rather than merely set personal goals.

"I am a versatile player," he said. "I'm a player who is not one dimensional, someone who can do it all—pass, rebound, play defense, get my teammates involved, just do it all.

"But more than that, I also feel like I'm a franchise player. I feel like it's up to me to take my team how far we're going to go, and it's up to me to make the players around me better."

Weaving his magic

Houston is where McGrady has been weaving his magic, and many believe that it is just a matter of time—or just a couple of reliable support players away—before the Rockets win a first NBA championship since that magical two-year reign in the mid-1990s.

His preference for team play is one of the most important facets that convinced sporting brand Adidas to sign T-Mac to a lifetime strategic partnership agreement in 2002.

The deal, which is for the duration of McGrady's basketball career and beyond, is the most significant contract Adidas has ever signed with a professional athlete.

"T-Mac is one of the most exciting and respected players in the NBA and we are impressed by his passion both on and off the court," said Erich Stamminger, president and CEO of Adidas.

T-MAC epitomizes Adidas' philosophy, "Impossible is Nothing."

"We are excited about his future impact on the sport, our brand and our global basketball business."

T-Mac is known for his involvement in civic activities as he is for his basketball skills.

He was recognized for his tremendous efforts in the Central Florida community with the 2003 Rich and Helen DeVos Community Enrichment Award. McGrady was born in Bartow, Florida.

Good Guys in Sports

That same year, he was named as one of the "Good Guys in Sports" by The Sporting News, an accolade given to professional athletes for their outstanding character and exemplary civic responsibility.

Not too long ago, T-Mac also once allowed a young child to spend a day with him at his house as a part of ESPN's "My Wish" series, a show where children with life-threatening illnesses are given their wishes to spend a day with their favorite sports superstars.

Asked how he'd like to be remembered when the time finally comes to hang it up, T-Mac's reply was very emphatic.

"On the court, I would want to be remembered as a great player and a winner. Off the court, I want to be thought of as a great person with a great personality, a humble person."

McGrady's backbone

Humble T-Mac credits much of his success to high school coach Joe Hopkins.

Hopkins, T-Mac's mentor at the Mount Zion Christian Academy, has been a big part of Tracy's life. Joe taught him to respect others, himself and the game.

"He's my backbone," T-Mac explained. "If it weren't for Coach Hopkins, none of this would be possible."

Hopkins received a call about T-Mac from Alvin Jones Jr., a basketball coach at Kathleen High, a neighboring High School to Auburndale.

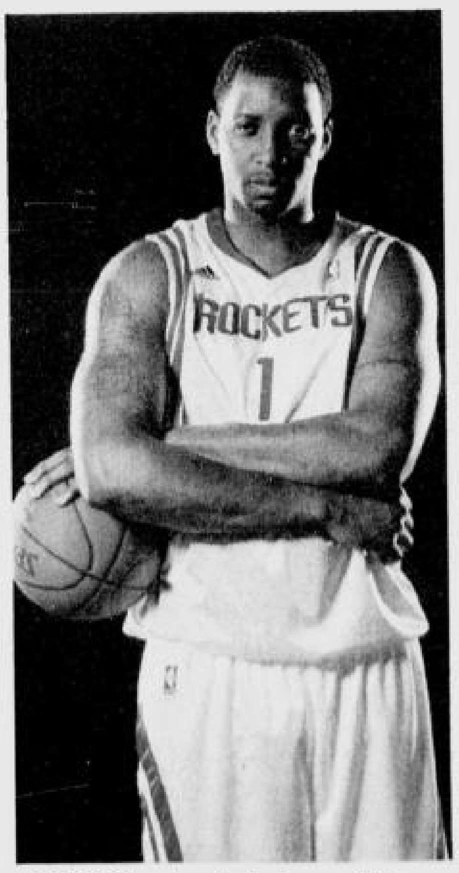
Hopkins drove down to Orlando to go to Disney World with his family, and he stopped in Auburndale to meet with T-Mac and his mom. Hopkins offered Tracy a scholarship to Mount Zion on the ride.

One day, Hopkins got a call from NBA super scout Marty Blake asking for a schedule because NBA teams wanted to go out to Mount Zion and watch the phenom play.

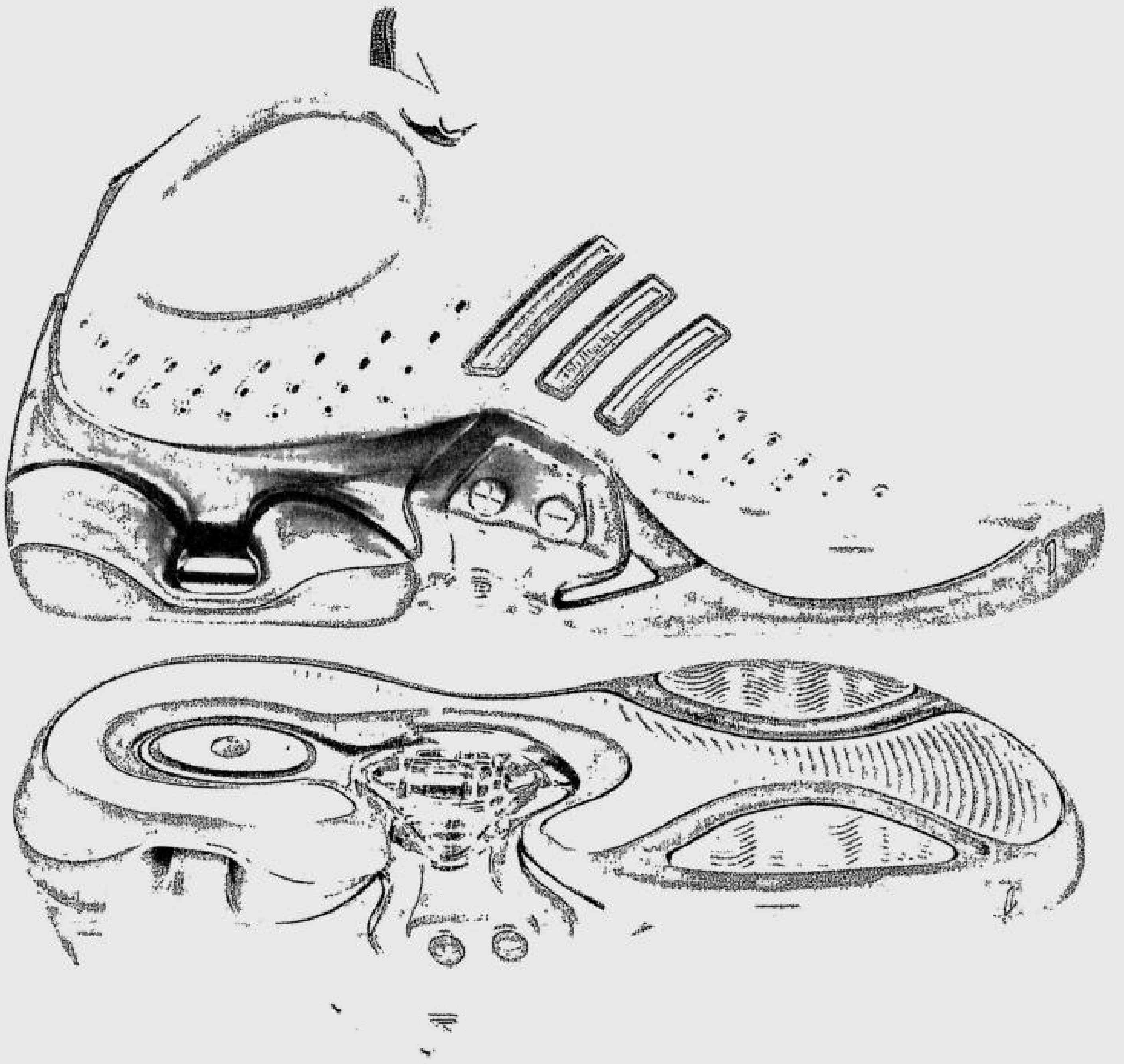
And as they say, the rest is history.

Thankful for the sport that has given him so much, T-Mac is on a mission to promote basketball and the elemental values the sport espouses.

This time, he will be spreading love of the game to Asia as he stops over in four cities, including Manila.



MCGRADY has been hailed as one of the "Good Guys" in professional sports.



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By Ronnel W. Domingo

THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD FOCUS ON CUTTING red tape if it wanted to boost the country's global competitiveness as an investment location as it takes an average of 48 days to register a business and 197 days to secure all the needed government permits, a meeting of business leaders and economic managers last Friday found out.

According to the Philippine Exporters Confederation, where the government and the private sector are represented, the team of leaders agreed that streamlining, decentralization and automation of government frontline services were key in addressing the matter.

Philexport said hapless businessmen face costs that were "unreceipted," lack of transparency in the process of securing the necessary papers for their enterprises, circuitous procedures and bribery.

"In getting through those labyrinthine processes, an investor has to unravel where to start and often shell out more cash on (unofficial) fees that do not go to the coffers of government," the group said.

Philexport added that excessive red tape was identified as one of the root causes behind the continued slide of the Philippines in its global competitiveness ranking.

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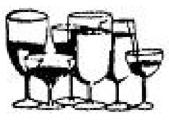

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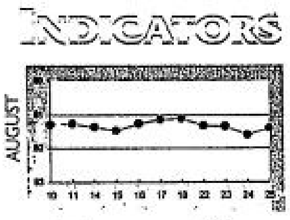

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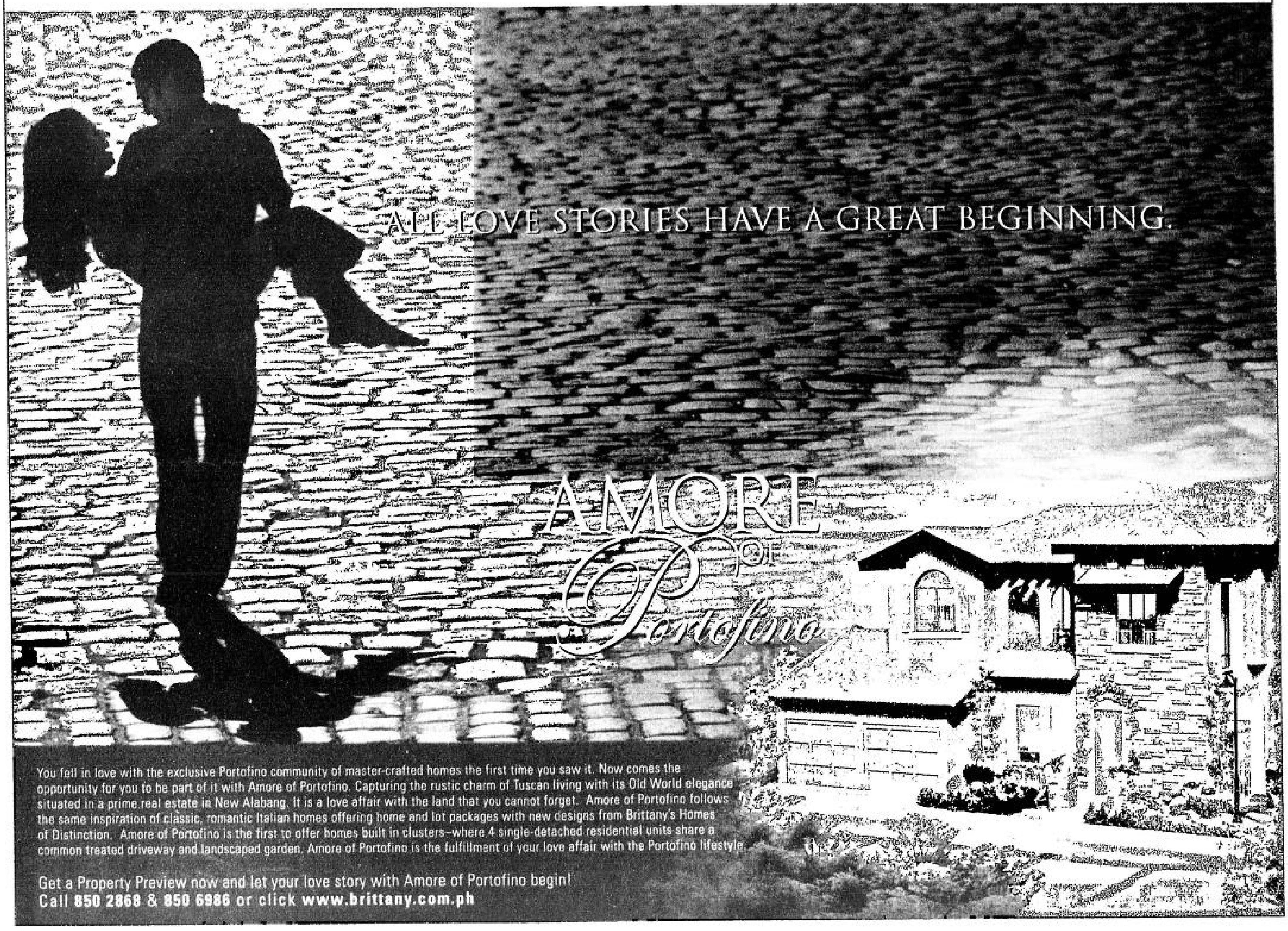
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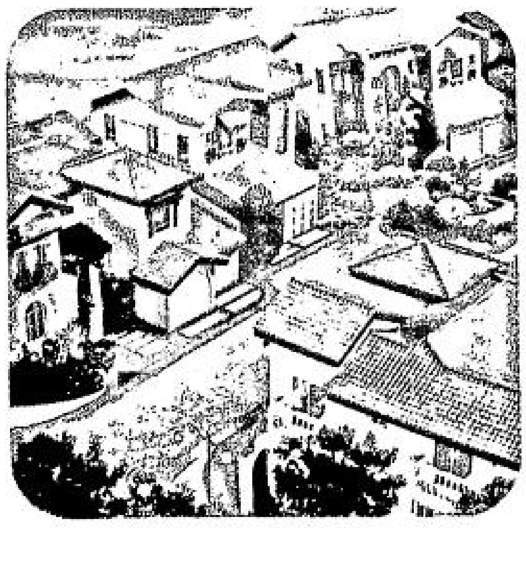
The Clusters Of Amore:
Offering A New Lifestyle Concept In Residential Living

Amore of Portofino, the new 11-hectare enclave in the exclusive Portofino community of New Alabang, introduces the concept of "Clusters". This harks back to Amore of Portofino's Tuscan influence, where warmth and camaraderie is established among neighbors without sacrificing privacy.

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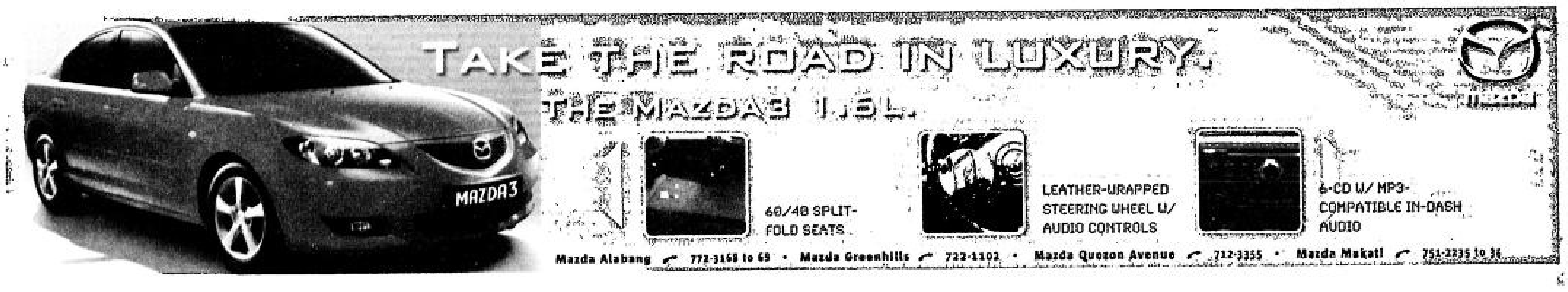
The Amore of Portofino Clusters–a new lifestyle concept, a new way at looking at residential living.



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Why the rich get richer

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Cielito F. Habito

THE HEADING OF A LARGE NEWSPAPER ad last Saturday proclaimed: "Technology got these entrepreneurs to the top"—and we see familiar top names in Philippine business attesting to how technology gave them the edge. The problem is, access to technology is normally skewed toward the rich, because technology costs money. The poor, meanwhile, get left even farther behind, in a phenomenon that is now commonly called the "digital divide."

The common lament that the rich are getting richer while the poor are getting poorer arises out of certain natural forces in any economy, particularly a market-based one. Left unchecked, market forces and socio-political realities could lead the gap between rich and poor to keep growing, as it in fact has in most of the world.

Regressive taxes

One need not look far to see many of the other forces that drive an ever-widening wedge between the rich and the poor in our society, and in most others elsewhere.

Our tax system has consistently been assessed by researchers to have an overall regressive effect. That is, the poorer you are, the bigger the percentage of your income that is taken away by taxes of various kinds. Unfair, you will say—but unfortunately and almost inevitably true. This comes about for at least two reasons. First, our government mostly relies on indirect taxes (taxes that can be passed on by the ones directly being taxed) exemplified by the VAT, customs duties, excises and other transaction taxes that have an inherent tendency to bite off a larger proportion off the incomes of the poor. But under current circumstances, this is almost inevitable because it is much easier for the government to raise large amounts of revenues from these types of taxes. On top of this, direct taxes that are designed to take more out of the rich—like taxes on income and wealth—are more easily evaded or avoided (the first is illegal, but the second could be legal) by richer taxpayers.

Failure of education

Our educational system has turned into another gap-widener, because the public education system, owing to severe budget constraints, is not able to provide the quality education that the rich can readily obtain from expensive private schools, including those abroad. But even more basic is the government's inability to provide adequate quantity of public education. The same budget constraints keep us from providing the necessary classrooms, books and teachers necessary to make even only basic education accessible to every Filipino child, no matter where in the country he or she may be.

The economic and political elite are thus able to perpetuate themselves in a highly polarized society. Education, rather than being the great equalizer it is meant to be, has turned into the exact opposite under our economic and political realities.

Big business edge

Big businesses are able to keep costs lower than those of their smaller competitors because they can obtain their inputs under volume discounts. "Cheaper by the dozen" is a principle that gives big business an edge over smaller ones, and as such, helps widen the gap between rich and poor.

A bigger enterprise is also able to make use of cheaper mass production techniques. This explains why small tailor shops have become all but extinct, swept aside by the wave of much cheaper mass-produced garments, produced by large enterprises owned by the rich.

Bank financing is much cheaper and much more easily accessible for big businesses because they are perceived by the banks, rightly or wrongly, as better credit risks. Even without this differing risk perception, banks normally prefer to deal with a smaller number of large clients than with a larger number of smaller ones, as it means lower transaction costs, and in turn, larger profits.

Infrastructure bias

Still another force favoring the big and the rich is the tendency for infrastructure investments, whether publicly or privately funded, to

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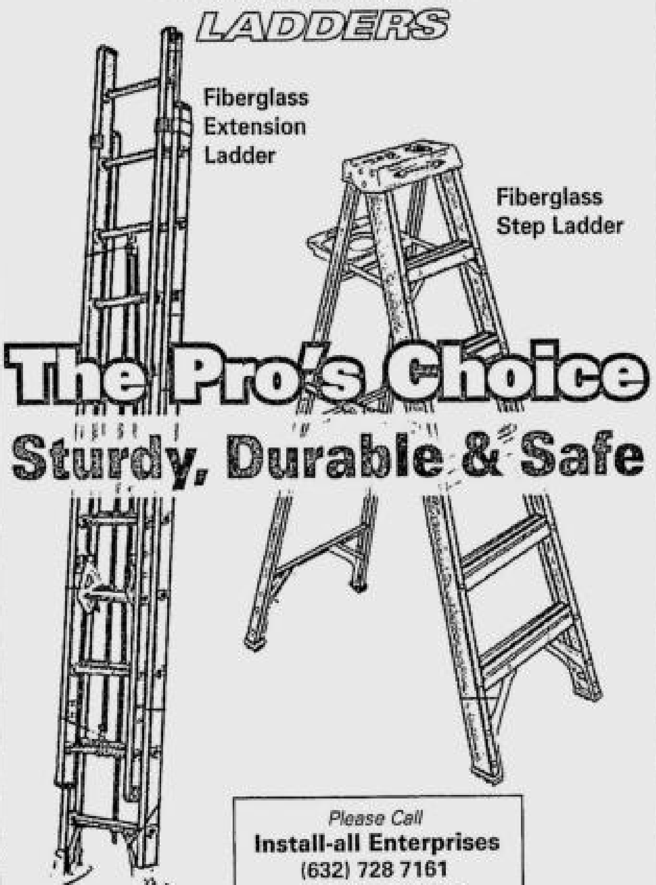

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Shown in photo are : (from left to right) Rommel C. Agasang, Treasurer ; Murphy Chu, Local Partner ; Norikazu Ishikawa, CEO and President ; PEZA Director General Lilia B. de Lima ; Raymond M. Chu , EVP and COO ; Teodorico S. Madriaga, VP Admin. and Atty. Joanne Virni Suarez of SGV

The Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA) has granted TAIYO NIPPON SANSO PHILIPPINES, INC. (TNSPI), a 100% subsidiary of INGASCO, INC., a PEZA Certificate of Registration as an Eco-zone enterprise for its P1.1B investment in Philtown Industrial Estate - Special Economic Zone in Tanauan, Batangas to engage in the manufacture of Liquid Nitrogen, Oxygen, and Argon.

The certificate of registration was signed on Friday, August 25, 2006 by PEZA Director General Lilia B. de Lima, who has recently been conferred by His Majesty the Emperor of Japan a decoration of the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star. The signing was attended by Ingasco and TNSPI executives headed by Messrs: Norikazu Ishikawa, President/CEO; Murphy Chu, Local Partner; Raymond M. Chu, EVP/COO; Rommel C. Agasang, Treasurer; Teodorico S. Madriaga , VP Admin and Atty. Joanne Virni Suarez of SGV.

According to Mr. Raymond Chu, EVP/COO , the new plant is expected to start its commercial operations on October 2007 and is rated to produce 10,120 normal cubic meters per hour of combined liquid nitrogen, oxygen and argon on top of INGASCO's current capacity of 9,120 cubic meters per hour. The new plant's production translates to a specific volume capacity of : Liquid Nitrogen - 68,574 gal/day : Liquid Oxygen - 23,704 gal/day : Liquid Argon - 970 gal/day.

Mr. Raymond Chu further stressed that, "since our output is categorized as "Critical Supply" (especially Liquid Nitrogen to Semiconductor and Electronics Industry) in different industries, and considering current supply condition , this serious investment is to express our earnest desire to the whole industry and is part of our "tangible commitment" in establishing INGASCO's capability and furthermore secure current and future operations of our contracted business partners and customers".

Mr. Norikazu Ishikawa, President and CEO of INGASACO and TNSPI said " Industrial Gases are invisible but indispensable to almost all major industries including Semiconductor/Electronics industry. As a leading industrial gases manufacturer , we are very much confident that with this huge investment, we shall be capable of sustaining the great growth of the major industries and help fuel the economy as well as and encourage other potential investors to come and invest in the Philippines ."

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Victor C. Agustin

HAD A SENATE investigation pushed through last Wednesday, PCGG Commissioner Ricardo Abcede would have been confronted with a delivery receipt of a brand-new Camry from Toyota Bel-Air.

The said receipt, plus confidential client information from the BPI Pacific Star branch, had been purloined under the direction of and, in the BPI case, obtained personally by a US citizen unfazed by foreign nationality restrictions in this country.

The American, actually a Filipina millionaire who had renounced her Philippine citizenship since she moved to New York in the '70s, had also wined and dined a number of senators to pursue an investigation on the Presidential Commission on Good Government and Malacañang nominees in the strife-torn Philcomsat Group.

In addition to the legislative lobbying, the US citizen has waged a negative publicity campaign against the GMA nominees, with legal research provided by the Roco Kapunan law firm.

How do we know all of these? Because Cocktales has been furnished a number of documents, including the Senate papers collated under the direction of the Roco Kapunan law firm for the public hearings.

A number of those negative information had also found their way in previous Cocktales columns.

With the Senate showdown postponed, the US citizen left that same evening, but not after leaking out the Abcede information to another newspaper, with the promise to return to the country for the next hearing.

Moral of the story?

While Filipino travelers are being racially profiled and even strip-searched in US ports of entries, a New Yorker who had long renounced her Philippine citizenship is being given the royal treatment in the Philippine Senate to pursue her factional war against Malacañang nominees.

If you think this is bizarre, wait until you hear how the US citizen, even in the comfort of her Upper East-side coop, obtains inside information from the inner sanctum of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Vazbuilt fissures

THE PRESIDENT/CEO of the Vazbuilt Group, Edgardo G. Vazquez, wrote to completely deny an Aug. 16 item here, saying he has never fired any sibling who works for the family-owned construction company or that any company money had ever been spent for the construction of a Forbes Park house. In short, everything is hunky-dory in the company, Vazquez claimed.

That is not what the other side claims.

According to the grapevine, Vazquez's younger siblings have decided to defer the family feud from spilling into the public arena out of concern for their ailing parents.

Money-go-round

- THE EDITOR-PUBLISHER of Businessworld, Ronaldo Romero, has filed his resignation given his continuing differences with Businessworld president Barbara Locsin.
- THE SUPREME Court has decided to take another look into the "Overnight Billionaire" case, where a retired college teacher was given recent court approval to reconstitute her family's alleged title on the 34-hectare Manotok compound behind Ayala Heights in Diliman, despite the Manotoks already having obtained a favorable Supreme Court ruling over the same property way back in July 1984.

Oral arguments for the en banc hearing has been scheduled in October.

Heard through the grapevine

UNLESS cooler heads prevail and settle the case out of court, taipan Lucio Tan could end up as the collateral victim in the P16-million damage suit filed by suspended Manila Golf member Rodolfo Feliciano.

Feliciano, of DHL fame, is dredging up the so-called Lucio Tan Jr. affair in his suit against the club's present and immediately preceding boards.

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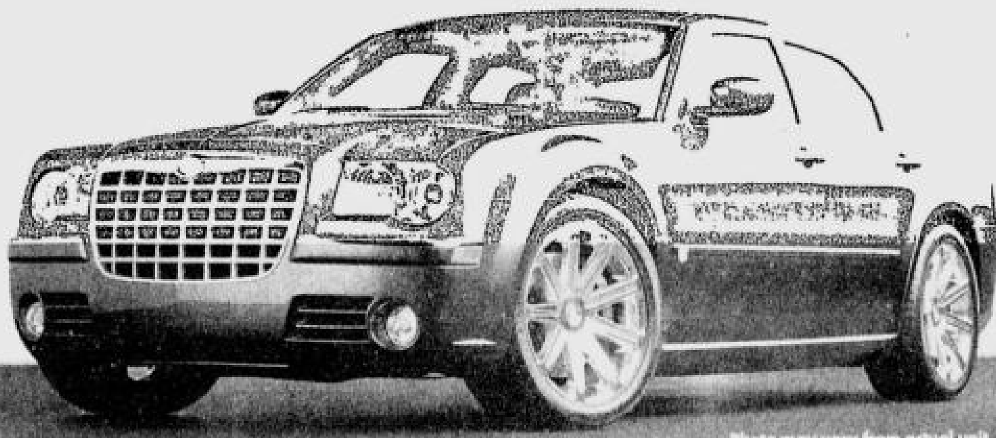
ing, the country placed 133th among 155 countries in terms of ease in doing business.

"Red tape, which often results in astronomical costs and the waste of valuable time in doing business here, will be one of the key problems which the National Competitiveness Summit on Sept. 29 is set to tackle, with specific actions already identified," the exporters said.

The group also identified the needed concrete actions and plans to curb red tape: identification of which agencies cause the most bottlenecks; streamlining and decentralization of business processes and putting them under one umbrella; dissemination of policies and procedures; review and immediate implementation of the e-Commerce Act as it applies to government;

Automation of business processes and link up agencies involved in business processes leading to paperless transactions; build an information technology-based Philippine Business Registry that integrates the databases of both the DTI and the SEC and harmonizes business registration, data requirements and payment systems, and overhaul Bureau of Customs processes and procedures and make them more transparent to plug revenue leakages.

"The list of things that can be done to reduce red tape in government soonest has been getting longer as more cases on the ground reached the working team," Philexport said.



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Village East II, ANGONO RIZAL
(near Fiesta Resort)

Area	Original Price	Auction Price
350 sqm	P 420,000	P 315,000
400 sqm	800,000	600,000
504 sqm	1,008,000	756,000

PSB_ANT002 RESIDENTIAL LOTS
FOREST HILLS RSD'L ESTATE,
Golf & Country Club, ANTIPOLO RIZAL
(near Cherry Foodarama)

Area	Original Price	Auction Price
386 sqm	P 1,158,000	P 1,042,200
527 sqm	1,845,000	1,581,000
694 sqm	2,429,000	2,082,000
1,426 sqm	4,991,000	4,278,000

PSB_MAN016 2 RSD'L CONDO.
HORIZON CITY FLATS CONDO.
MANDALUYONG (near Kalentong)

Flr Area	Parking	Original Price	Auction Price
43sqm	43sqm	P 1,420,000	P 1,278,000
28sqm	w/o	1,420,000	1,065,000
15sqm	15sqm	980,000	735,000

PSB_MAN019 RSD'L CONDO.
Centennial Townhomes,
Nanirahan St. Mabini, Mandaluyong
(near Punta Bridge)

Flr Area	Original Price	Auction Price
26 sqm	P 780,000	P 650,000
30 sqm	900,000	750,000
30 sqm	1,200,000	999,960

PSB_RIZ035 RESIDENTIAL LOTS
BANCOM SUBD., SAN MATEO, RIZAL
(near Midtown Subd.)

Area	Original Price	Auction Price
502 sqm	P 100,400	P 75,300
240 sqm	48,000	36,000
273 sqm	54,600	40,950
252 sqm	50,400	37,800

PSB_BAT047 RESIDENTIAL LOTS
Lipa Countryside Estate, Lipa City
(near Bulacnin Brgy. Hall)

Area	Original Price	Auction Price
750 sqm	P 750,000	P 675,000
750 sqm	1,050,000	787,500
750 sqm	1,125,000	843,750
753 sqm	1,506,000	1,129,500

PSB_BAT051 RESIDENTIAL LOTS
Las Villas De Aguila Subd., Lemery
(near Jollibee/McDonalds)

Area	Original Price	Auction Price
150 sqm	P 438,960	P 375,000
175 sqm	490,000	437,500
172 sqm	538,080	430,000
262.5 sqm	735,000	656,250
600 sqm	1,920,000	1,500,000

PSB_CVT074 RESIDENTIAL LOTS
Brgy. Burol III, DBB Area C,
Dasmariñas, Cavite

Area	Original Price	Auction Price
200 sqm	P 200,000	P 150,000
272 sqm	272,000	204,000
277 sqm	277,000	207,750
473 sqm	473,000	354,750

PSB_LGN098 RESIDENTIAL LOTS
Paradise Valley Resort & Equestrian Centre, Hidden Valley Rd., Limao, Calauan, Laguna (beside Hidden Valley Resort)

Area	Original Price	Auction Price
2,175sqm	P 1,740,000	P1,522,500
2,362sqm	1,889,600	1,653,400
2,500sqm	2,000,000	1,750,000
2,612sqm	2,089,600	1,828,400
2,650sqm	2,120,000	1,855,000

PSB_LGN102 RESIDENTIAL LOTS
Meralco Vill. San Lucas,
San Pablo City

Area	Original Price	Auction Price
106	P 212,000	P 159,000
113	226,000	169,500
115	230,000	172,500
133	266,000	250,000

PSB_NE111 RESIDENTIAL LOT
Twin Hearts Subd. Brgy. Sto. Tomas
San Jose City, Nueva Ecija
(near Villaroman Forest Resort)

Area	Original Price	Auction Price
82	P123,000	P 123,000
95	143,000	142,500
125	188,000	187,500
203	508,000	381,000

PSB_QP114 RESIDENTIAL LOTS
Bo. Masin Candelaria, Quezon Province
(near Candelaria Town Proper)

Area	Original Price	Auction Price
334	P 183,700	P 137,775
344	206,000	154,500
550	183,100	165,000
524	288,200	216,150

ANTIPOLO

PSB_ANT003 RSD'L LOT
L.A. 300 sqm. (near Padis Point)
Tenesse St., PALOS VERDES
EXEC. VILL.
Original Price: P 900,000
Auction Price: P 855,000

BINANGONAN

PSB_BNG004 2 STRY. H & L w/
FACTORY
L.A. 1,965 sqm. F.A. 1,109 sqm.
BRGY. PILA (near Pila Market)
Original Price: P 3,862,000
Auction Price: P 2,947,500

CAINTA

PSB_CNT006 2 DOOR APART.
L.A. 276 sqm. F.A. 273 sqm.
(near Meralco)
Birmingham St., BROOKSIDE
HILLS SUBD.
Original Price: P 2,981,000
Auction Price: P 2,235,750

PSB_CNT007 RSD'L LOT
L.A. 277 sqm.
(near Amphid Market)
Roses St. MIDTOWN SUBD.
Original Price: P 700,000
Auction Price: P 554,000

CALOOCAN

PSB_CAL126 APARTMENT
L.A. 360 sqm.
Along Gen. Luis Brgy. Kaybiga
Original Price : P 3,100,000
Auction Price: P 2,520,000

PSB_CAL010 2 STRY. H & L
L.A. 178 sqm. F.A. 350 sqm.
Malaya St. MARCELA SUBD.
Original Price: P 2,052,000
Auction Price: P 1,539,000

PSB_CAL011 2 STRY. H & L
L.A. 400 sqm. F.A. 170 sqm.
Tokyo St. VISTA VERDE NORTH
SUBD.
Original Price: P 2,116,225
Auction Price: P 1,587,168

MAKATI

PSB_MKT012 RSD'L CONDO. w/ 2
PARKING SLOT
F.A. 300 sqm. (near People
Support/RCBC Plaza/Post Office)
SKYLAND CONDO.
Original Price: P 14,400,000
Auction Price: P 12,000,000

PSB_MKT013 RSD'L CONDO.
F.A. 420.98 sqm. (near Shell
Maya)
LE TRIOMPHE CONDO. Dela Costa
St. Salcedo Vill
Original Price: P 18,523,120
Auction Price: P 13,892,340

PSB_MKT014 RSD'L CONDO.
F.A. 413.93 sqm. (near Shell
Maya)
LE TRIOMPHE CONDO. Dela Costa
St. Salcedo Vill
Original Price: P 18,215,000
Auction Price: P 13,661,250

PSB_MKT127 RSD'L CONDO
F.A. 187 sqm.
Skyland Condo.
(near Phil. Axa Life)
Original Price: P 9,265,000
Auction Price: P 9,265,000

MANDALUYONG

PSB_MAN020 OFFICE CONDO. w/
PARKING
F.A. 37.76 sqm. (near Robinsons
Pioneer)
PIONEER HIGHLANDS CONDO
Original Price: P 2,090,000
Auction Price: P 1,771,600

PSB_MAN128 COMML CONDO
F.A. 161.29 sqm.
Summit One Condo. Tower, Shaw
Blvd.
Original Price: P 5,655,000
Auction Price: P 4,241,250

MUNTINLUPA

PSB_MUN021 COMM'L CONDO.
F.A. 188 sqm.
(within Alabang comml area)
AREVALO CONDO., Montillano St.,
Alabang
Original Price: P 4,700,000
Auction Price: P 3,525,000

PSB_MUN022 RSD'L LOT
L.A. 438 sqm.
(near Muntinlupa Cityhall)
SOUTH GREEN HEIGHTS VILL
Original Price: P 1,850,000
Auction Price: P 1,387,500

PSB_MUN023 3 DOOR
APARTMENT
L.A. 179 sqm. F.A. 328 sqm.
CAMELLA HOMES, Putatan
Original Price: P 2,708,000
Auction Price: P 2,224,800

PARAÑAQUE

PSB_PRQ028 RSD'L CONDO.
F.A. 135 sqm.
(near Int'l/Domestic Airport)
BAYVIEW INT'L TOWERS, Tambo
Original Price: P 4,050,000
Auction Price: P 3,800,000

PSB_PRQ029 RSD'L CONDO.
F.A. 193.87 sqm.
(near Int'l/Domestic Airport)
TROPICANA VILLA. Quirino Ave.,
Tambo
Original Price: P 4,847,000
Auction Price: P 3,635,250

PASIG

PSB_PSG030 COMM'L LOT
L.A. 4,062 sqm.
Shaw Blvd., San Clemente St.,
KAPITOLYO
Original Price: P 135,000,000
Auction Price: P 130,000,000

QUEZON CITY

PSB_QC032 5 STRY. HOUSE &
LOT w/ ATTIC
L.A. 540 sqm. F.A. 837.86 sqm.
Victoria Ave., NEW MANILA
Original Price: P 23,750,000
Auction Price: P 20,000,000

PSB_QC033 2 STRY. HOUSE &
LOT w/ WAREHOUSE
L.A. 1,384 sqm. F.A. 1,181 sqm.
New Nitang St. cor. San
Bartolome, NOVALICHES
Original Price: P 14,100,000
Auction Price: P 10,575,000

PSB_QC034 HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 1,376 sqm. F.A. 277 sqm.
COUPER ST. Brgy. Paltok, San
Francisco de Monte
Original Price: P 17,490,000
Auction Price: P 15,000,000

PSB_QC129 RSDL LOT
L.A. 206 sqm.
Jericho, Fil-Heights, Capitol
Original Price: P 1,030,000
Auction Price: P 824,000

RIZAL

PSB_RIZ036 HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 240 sqm. F.A. 132 sqm.
Adeline Homes, Maybangcal,
MORONG
Original Price: P 1,100,000
Auction Price: P 825,000

PSB_RIZ037 RSD'L LOT
L.A. 240 sqm.
(near San Jose Market)
AMITYVILLE SUBD. San Jose
Montalban
Original Price: P 120,000
Auction Price: P 96,000

SAN JUAN

PSB_SJ130 RSD'L LOT
L.A. 341 sqm.
San Mariano St.Brgy. Progreso
Original Price: P 4,100,000
Auction Price: P 3,500,000

TAYTAY

PSB_TAY039 HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 620 sqm. F.A. 635 sqm.
TANCINCO SUBD. San Isidro
Original Price: P 2,250,000
Auction Price: P 1,800,000

VALENZUELA

PSB_VAL040 HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 204 sqm. F.A. 324 sqm.
SAN FRANCISCO DEL MONTE SUBD.
Original Price: P 3,000,000
Auction Price: P 2,250,000

BACOLOD

PSB_BAC041 RSD'L LOT
L.A. 1,500 sqm.
(near Gardenville Subd.)
FLORENCEVILLE SUBD.
Original Price: P 1,200,000
Auction Price: P 1,125,000

PSB_BAC042 RSD'L LOT
L.A. 1,000 sqm.
(near Rosario Heights)
OLD PUENTEVILLA SUBD.
Brgy. Tacuing
Original Price: P 1,000,000
Auction Price: P 950,000

BATANGAS

PSB_BAT043 RSD'L LOT
L.A. 1,450 sqm. (near Brgy. Hall)
Brgy. Bagong Sikat, LEMERY
Original Price: P 2,920,000
Auction Price: P 2,190,000

PSB_BAT044 RSD'L LOT
L.A. 300 sqm.
(near Bagong Sikat Brgy. Hall)
Bonifacio St., LEMERY
Original Price: P 960,000
Auction Price: P 720,000

PSB_BAT045 RSD'L LOT
L.A. 296 sqm.
(near Bagong Sikat Brgy. Hall)
Bonifacio St., LEMERY
Original Price: P 947,200
Auction Price: P 710,400

PSB_BAT131 RSD'L LOT
L.A. 3,985 sqm.
R. Diokno St., Poblacion,Taal
Original Price: P 1,196,000
Auction Price: P 897,000

PSB_BAT048 HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 750/750 sqm. F.A. 150/
127.52 sqm.
(near Bulacnin Brgy. Hall)
LIPA COUNTRYSIDE ESTATE,
Bulacnin, Lipa City
Original Price: P 2,500,000/
P 1,770,000
Auction Price: P 1,875,000/
P 1,425,000

PSB_BAT050 HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 1,751 sqm. F.A. 452 sqm.
(near San Jose Chapel)
Bo. Rd. San Jose, LIPA CITY
Original Price: P 3,364,000
Auction Price: P 2,523,000

PSB_BAT054 AGRI-LOT
L.A. 124,230 sqm.
Brgy. Utod, NASUGBU
Original Price: P 5,863,000
Auction Price: P 4,397,250

PSB_BAT055 HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 2,195 sqm. F.A. 180 sqm.
(near St. Nazarius medical Clinic)
Brgy. San Pio Quinto, MALVAR
Original Price: P 3,420,000
Auction Price: P 3,200,000

PSB_BAT132 COMM'L BLDG.
L.A. 295 sqm. F.A. 309 sqm.
Rizal Ave. cor. P.Genato Pob.
Original Price: P 10,000,000
Auction Price: P 8,500,000

BULACAN

PSB_BUL058 RSDL LOT
L.A. 1,229 sqm. (along NIA Road)
Int. lot of San Juan BALAGTAS
Original Price: P 615,000
Auction Price: P 523,000

PSB_BUL061 INNER
RSDL/COMML LOT
L.A. 1,998 sqm.
(near Mc.Arthur Village)
Iba-Longos Road, Longos,
MALOLOS
Original Price: P 1,518,000
Auction Price: P 1,168,830

PSB_BUL062 HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 393 sqm. F.A. 265 sqm.
Provincial Rd. cor. Bo. Rd.
Longos, MALOLOS
Original Price: P 1,800,000
Auction Price: P 1,513,000

PSB_BUL064 HOUSE & LOT w/
WAREHOUSE
L.A. 1,900 sqm. F.A. 981 sqm.
(near Bungahan Brgy. Hall)
Prov. Rd. Bo. Bungahan,
MALOLOS
Original Price: P 5,144,000
Auction Price: P 3,910,500

PSB_BUL065 RSD'L LOT
L.A. 7,231 sqm.
(near Market Place)
Dr. RM Pascual St. Poblacion
NORZAGARAY
Original Price: P 3,616,000
Auction Price: P 2,712,000

PSB_BUL066 HOUSE & LOT w/
WAREHOUSE
L.A. 1,001 sqm. F.A. 562 sqm.
(near Shell Station)
Bo. San Jose Patag, STA. MARIA
Original Price: P 3,221,000
Auction Price: P 2,625,500

PSB_BUL067 RSD'L LOT
L.A. 249 sqm.
Masagana Homes II Subd.
San Francisco, TABANG
Original Price: P 450,000
Auction Price: P 337,500

PSB_BUL068 RSD'L LOT
L.A. 4,706 sqm.
(back of Elementary School)
Victor De Leon St. BONGA
MENOR BUSTOS
Original Price: P 3,280,000
Auction Price: P 3,058,900

PSB_BUL069 RSD'L LOT
L.A. 200 sqm.
(back of Shell Station)
Brgy Rd. Bo.Sta. Clara STA. MARIA
Original Price: P 180,000
Auction Price: P 162,000

PSB_BUL070 2 RSDL LOT
L.A. 713 sqm.
Green Plains Subd. Marcos,
CALUMPIT
Original Price: P 2,140,000
Auction Price: P 1,605,000

PSB_BUL071 2 STRY. HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 826 sqm. F.A. 228 sqm.
(back of Baliuag Circle)
Vergel de Dios St. Pob. BALIUAG
Original Price: P 12,390,000
Auction Price: P 10,738,000

PSB_BUL072 RSDL LOT
L.A. 200 sqm.
(inside Cityland Subd)
GREEN BREEZE SUBD. Sta. Maria
Original Price: P 160,000
Auction Price: P 150,000

CAVITE

PSB_CVT073 2 RSDL LOT
L.A. 400 sqm.
Burol, DASMARIÑAS
Original Price: P 480,000
Auction Price: P 360,000

PSB_CVT075 2 RSDL LOT
L.A. 400 sqm.
Brgy. Rd. Bangkal, DASMARIÑAS
Original Price: P 400,000
Auction Price: P 320,000

PSB_CVT076 RSDL LOT
L.A. 1,183 sqm. (near
Inteligencia Montessori)
Acacia Ave. Bo. Bangkal,
DASMARINAS
Original Price: P 2,366,000
Auction Price: P 1,774,500

PSB_CVT077 RSDL LOT
L.A. 2,166 sqm.
(near Municipal Hall)
A. Mabini St. Poblacion, INDANG
Original Price: P 2,000,000
Auction Price: P 1,732,8000

PSB_CVT078 RSDL LOT
L.A. 250 sqm. (near Paradise
Garden)
METRO SOUTH SUBD. Gen. Trias
Original Price: P 725,000
Auction Price: P 550,000

PSB_CVT079 RSDL LOT
L.A. 150 sqm.
Vermont St.Metro South
Subd.Gen. Trias
Original Price: P 450,000
Auction Price: P 337,500

PSB_CVT080 COMML BLDG.
L.A. 200 sqm. F.A. 668 sqm.
(near San Gabriel Elem School)
CONGRESSIONAL RD.GMA
Original Price: P 5,092,000
Auction Price: P 4,540,000

PSB_CVT133 2 STRY. H&L
L.A. 100 sqm. F.A. 175 sqm.
Alley Bagong Bayan Sto. Cristo,
Dasmariñas
Original Price: P 850,000
Auction Price: P 750,000

PSB_CVT082 RSDL LOT
L.A. 759 sqm.
The Orchard Golf & Country Club,
Dasmariñas
Original Price: P 2,365,000
Auction Price: P 2.049,300

PSB_CVT084 RSDL LOT
L.A. 120 sqm.
(near Colegio De Saltran)
South Garden Homes,
Dasmariñas
Original Price: P 420,000
Auction Price: P 315,000

PSB_CVT134 AGRI LOT
L.A. 28,266 sqm.
Ragatan St. Anabu Imus
Original Price: P 14,000,000
Auction Price: P 11,000,000

PSB_CVT087 6 DOOR
TOWNHOUSE
L.A. 531 sqm.
(near Kalipayan Resort)
Southwood Villas, Dasmariñas
Original Price: P 6,220,000
Auction Price: P 5,287,000

PSB_CVT088 RSDL LOT
L.A. 188 sqm.
(near Guzman College)
Town & Country Subd.
Dasmariñas
Original Price: P 601,600
Auction Price: P 451,200

PSB_CVT089 RSDL LOT
L.A. 179 sqm.
(near Guzman College)
Town & Country Subd.Dasmariñas
Original Price: P 572,800
Auction Price: P 429,600

PSB_CVT090 RSDL LOT
L.A. 206 sqm. (near FRC Mall)
Vista Verde South, Mambog,
Bacoor
Original Price: P 721,000
Auction Price: P 597,400

PSB_CVT091 RAWLAND
L.A. 32,702 sqm.
(near Paramont Homes)
NIA Rd. Brgy. Gen Trias
Original Price: P 11,719,000
Auction Price: P 8,789,250

PSB_CVT092 RSDL LOT
L.A. 297 sqm.
(near Integ. Schl. of Science)
Brgy. Magdalo (formerly
Brgy Putol) KAWIT
Original Price: P 891,000
Auction Price: P 683,100

CEBU

PSB_CBU093 HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 215 sqm. F.A. 333.25 sqm.
Baltimore cor. Lexington Sts.
El Monte Verde
Original Price: P 3,268,000
Auction Price: P 2,909,487

ILOILO

PSB_ILO094 HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 164 sqm. F.A. 206 sqm.
(near St. Alphonsus Subd.)
Petalsville Subd. Jaro Dist.
Original Price: P 1,300,000
Auction Price: P 1,185,600

LAGUNA

PSB_LGN095 RSDL LOT
L.A. 16,272 sqm.
Parksburg Ave. Metropolis Subd.,
San Pablo City
Original Price: P 9,763,000
Auction Price: P 7,322,250

PSB_LGN097 RSDL LOT
L.A. 1,400 sqm.
San Pablo National Rd. Sta. Maria
Magdalena
Original Price: P 1,120,000
Auction Price: P 840,000

PSB_LGN099 UNFINISHED
HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 649 sqm.
(near Villa Olympia)
Stonecrest Subd. San Pedro
Original Price: P 6,170,000
Auction Price: P 4,627,500

PSB_LGN100 RSDL LOT
L.A. 269 sqm.
Berlin St. Calamba Hills
Original Price: P 810,000
Auction Price: P 672,500

PSB_LGN101 2 STRY. H&L
L.A. 150 sqm. F.A. 251 sqm.
Olivarez Subd. San Roque,
San Pedro
Original Price: P 2,100,000
Auction Price: P 1,575,000

PSB_LGN135 RSD'L LOT
L.A. 194 sqm.
Footpath Tubigan Biñan
Original Price: P 388,000
Auction Price: P 320,000

PSB_LGN104 COMML LOT
L.A. 375 sqm.
(near Biñan Natl High Schl.)
Gen. Capinpin St., Poblacion,
Biñan
Original Price: P 4,800,000
Auction Price: P 3,600,000

PSB_LGN105 RSDL LOT
L.A. 517 sqm.
(near San Pablo Hospital)
Green Valley Subd.
Original Price: P 1,300,000
Auction Price: P 975,000

PSB_LGN106 COMML LOT
L.A. 2,903 sqm.
(near NPC Sub Station)
National H-way,Brgy.Tubigan,
BIÑAN
Original Price: P 28,400,000
Auction Price: P 21,300,000

NUEVA ECIJA

PSB_NE109 RSDL LOT
L.A. 180 sqm.
(near Natividad Homes)
Magsaysay Park Subd. Kalidkid
Sur, Cabanatuan City
Original Price: P 72,000.00
Auction Price: P 54,000.00

PSB_NE110 RICE MILL
L.A. 3,568 sqm. F.A. 494 sqm.
(near Panlasian Bridge)
Provincial Rd. Sto. Niño 2 SAN
JOSE
Original Price: P 6,425,000
Auction Price: P 4,818,750

PAMPANGA

PSB_PAM112 AGRI LOT
L.A. 5,000 sqm.
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Original Price: P 6,250,000
Auction Price: P 4,687,500

PANGASINAN

PSB_PNG113 RSDL LOT
L.A. 1,805 sqm.
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FABIAN
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PSB_QP115 RSDL LOT
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PSB_TAR116 RSDL LOT
L.A.2,379 sqm.
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PSB_TAR117 HOUSE & LOT
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Villa Kristal, Nam Kuang Rd.
Gerona
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PSB_TAR118 COMML LOT
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SAN NICOLAS
Original Price: P 15,700,000
Auction Price: P 15,512,000

PSB_TAR120 RSDL LOT
L.A. 1,505 sqm. (near San
Nicolas Brgy. Hall)
M.H. Del Pilar, Brgy.
SAN NICOLAS
Original Price: P 11,139,000
Auction Price: P 8,354,250

PSB_TAR121 HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 3,580 sqm. F.A. 270 sqm.
(near San Nicolas Brgy. Hall)
M.H. Del Pilar, Brgy.
SAN NICOLAS
Original Price: P 12,639,200
Auction Price: P 11,010,000

PSB_TAR122 RSDL LOT
L.A. 1,000 sqm.
(near San Nicolas Brgy. Hall)
M.H. Del Pilar, Brgy. SAN NICOLAS
Original Price: P 6,250,000
Auction Price: P 4,687,500

PSB_TAR123 RSDL LOT
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(along Romulo Highway)
Nagsabaran, San Clemente
Original Price: P 531,000
Auction Price: P 444,500

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L.A. 997 sqm.
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Transco awaits SC decision on fate of power line

By Abigail L. Ho

THE STATE-RUN NATIONAL Transmission Corp. (Transco) continues to await the final decision of the Supreme Court regarding an appeal for the court to reconsider an order to shut down the crucial 230-kilovolt (kV) Sucat-Araneta-Balintawak power transmission network.

Transco president and chief executive Alan Ortiz said the state firm had filed its motion for reconsideration as early as last April, but the high tribunal has yet to make a final ruling.

In its appeal, he said Transco reasoned that shutting down the transmission line network would cause massive power outages in many areas around the metropolis, including the Makati central business district, the Ninoy Aquino International Airport domestic and international terminals, and the Edsa Metro Rail Transit 3 (MRT-3).

If the transmission line network would be transferred underground from its current overhead location, Transco would also have to spend 10 times more than what it would usually spend for putting up overhead lines, he said.

"We'll also have to close at least half of the substation capacity. That will result in load-shedding," he added.

The Supreme Court in late March issued an order preventing National Power Corp. from sending electricity to the 230-kilovolt Sucat-Araneta-Balintawak power transmission network until it could be proven that the lines did not pose any threat to public health.

The high tribunal upheld the decision of a Makati regional trial court in 2000 preventing Napocor from sending electricity to its cables from Sucat in Parañaque to Araneta Ave. in Quezon City.

The lower court's ruling was based on a petition filed by residents of Dasmariñas Village in Makati who had opposed the transmission line project because of health concerns.

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No free lunch

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be skewed toward areas and sectors which are already more progressive to begin with. Metro Manila and its environs, and the more urbanized areas of the country in general, continue to take up a lion's share of infrastructure investments, in spite of the fact that these areas already account for the bigger shares of output and incomes in the economy.

But one can replace "in spite of" in the previous sentence with "because of." Economic realities dictate that more investments will tend to be made where there are already more incomes to begin with. Meanwhile, depressed areas especially in more remote areas in Mindanao and in the far-flung reaches of Luzon and Visayas must settle for piecemeal portions of the infrastructure budget. And so, we have yet another reason why the rich become richer and the poor become poorer, in both the geographic and economic sense.

In light of the above, any economist, neo-liberal or otherwise, recognizes that certain government interventions in the economy are not only warranted, but even necessary. We shall deal on these in another column.

Comments welcome at chabito@ateneo.edu

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Second Agrarian Reform Communities Development Project (ARCDP II)
Rehabilitation of 1.0 km. DATAG-CANAWAY Road
Loan 7152-PH.

August 28, 2006

The Government of the Philippines (GOP) has received a loan from The World Bank toward the cost of the Second Agrarian Reform Communities Development Project (ARCDPII) and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan, together with the LGU counterpart funds, to payments under the contract for Rehabilitation of 1.0 km Datag-Canaway Road under Contract Number RIRR 06 212 04 ALB-NO.

The Municipality of Siaton Province of Oriental Negros now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the Rehabilitation of 1.0 km Datag-Canaway Road located at barangays Datag and Canaway under Contract No. RIRR 06 212 04 ALB-NO and is expected to be completed and delivered within 120 Calendar Days from the date of the official start of the subproject

DESCRIPTION OF WORKS

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13	Excavation for Structure	960.00	Cu.M.
14 (1)	Embankment Using Excavated Materials	1,298.00	Cu.M
20	Aggregate Sub-Base Course	600.00	Cu.M.
21	Aggregate Base Course	600.00	Cu.M.
50 (4)	Installation 910 mm dia RCPC w/ Headwalls	16.00	Ln.M.
51 (2)	Grouted Riprap (lined Canal)	600.00	Cu.M.

Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act No. 9184 (R.A. 9184), otherwise known as the Government Procurement Reform Act. Subject to exceptions stated in this Bidding Documents, only Bids from Bidders who pass an eligibility check will be opened. The Bidder with the Lowest Calculated Bid (LCB) shall advance to the post-qualification stage in order to finally determine its responsiveness to the technical and financial requirements of the project. The contract shall then be awarded to the Lowest Calculated Responsive Bidder (LCRB) who was determined as such during post-qualification. The Estimated Project Cost is One Million Eight Hundred Ninety Six Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Nine Pesos (Php 1,896,669.00).

The documents required in the Eligibility Documents shall be submitted as part of the Technical Documents of the Bidders as provided in the Instruction to Bidders.

Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from the LGU-BAC of Siaton, Oriental Negros and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from 8:00 A.M to 5:00 P.M. on August 29, 2006 to September 29, 2006.

A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be purchased by interested Bidders from the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of PHP5,000.00. The Bidding Documents shall be received personally by the bidder or his authorized representative on or before 10:00 A.M September 29, 2006.

The LGU-BAC of Siaton, Oriental Negros will hold a Pre-Bid Conference open to all eligible Bidders on September 15, 2006 at 10:00 A.M. at the following address Sanguniang Bayan Session Hall, Municipality of Siaton, Province of Oriental Negros.

Eligible Bidders must submit their Bids at the address below on or before 10:00 A.M. September 29, 2006. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid security in the form of ***CASH, MANAGER'S CHECK, CASHIER'S CHECK AND BANK GUARANTEE*** and in an amount of PHP29,000.00 or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency. Late Bids shall not be accepted. Bid opening shall be on 10:00 A.M. September 29, 2006 at the Sangguniang Bayan Session Hall, Municipality of Siaton, Oriental Negros. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address below at the Sanguniang Bayan Session Hall, Municipality of Siaton, Oriental Negros.

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(PDI - Aug. 28, 2006)

Fiscal stability seen giving gov't enough funds for pump-priming

Economist warns against poll spending

By Doris C. Dumlao

MEDALLA

THE GOVERNMENT CAN FREE UP SOME P60 billion to increase infrastructure and social spending next year—but only if the newly attained fiscal space would not be used to buy political clout during the local elections, according to economist Felipe Medalla.

In a recent speech before his peers at the Foundation for Economic Freedom, the UP economist and Estrada era economic planning secretary raised the government's policy dilemma of whether it would be better off using the fiscal space for economic growth or for reducing the debt-to-GNP (gross national product) ratio.

While he cited the urgent need for the government to reverse its belt-tightening, Medalla expressed concern that the President's legitimacy problems and the forthcoming 2007 elections would make it hard to "decompress" properly.

"The worst case is if the 2007 budget will be used to make sure that anti-impeachment congressmen will get reelected," Medalla said.

"If that's the case, we're better off paying down debts and wait for the next president to use the money properly," he said.

Medalla said the government was now in a good position to increase deficit spending again—but only for as long as the funds would reach the intended beneficiaries.

He estimated that over and above salary adjustments for inflation and automatic internal revenue allotment for local government units, the government could decompress its spending by at least P60 billion next year.

"My theme is the improvement in fiscal and external position gives government space to move forward," Medalla said.

Even without counting in the significant revenue from the expanded value-added tax, Medalla said the recent improvement in the government's fiscal position had been dramatic.

"After adjusting for NBA (non-budgetary account) and inflation, but not for population and economic growth, the national government was virtually in budget balance by end of 2005," he said.

"The improvement in fiscal position is even more impressive when the impact of the power rate hikes is factored in," he added.

In spite of successive US Federal Reserve rate increases, he said global interest rates would not likely trigger a Philippine debt crisis similar to what happened in 1983-84.

However, Medalla posed this challenge: "Is there a way of decompressing good public expenditures if the impasse catches up with the 2007 elections?"

"If we should use the fiscal space to improve physical and human capital, it's very important to communicate to the market and stakeholders how we are using the fiscal space," Medalla stressed.

For this year, Medalla said decompression of spending would be too late because the government was still haggling for a supplemental budget at this time.

"Reenactment of the national budget will result in a real adjusted national government surplus of P125 billion," he noted.

However, he noted that the government's capital spending was pitifully poor both in the context of Asean 4 levels and relative to 1995.

He said this meant that the improvement in the fiscal position was "at the expense of more children dropping out of school."

"The Philippine government's social expenditure is lower than in Malaysia and Thailand and higher than Indonesia's, which is now in a position to increase social expenditures due to the rationalization of fuel subsidies," Medalla said.

He noted that the country's social expenditure amounted to only 4 percent of GDP versus Malaysia's 9.5 and Thailand's 8 percent.

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In its decision, the Supreme Court said there was enough evidence that the power lines could be endangering the health and safety of residents in the area where the lines passed through.

According to the Department of Energy, however, a joint environmental test conducted by the Department of Health and Napocor in 2001 showed that the actual electric magnetic field radiation levels of the Sucat-Araneta-Balintawak line were not harmful to public health.

The test, the DOE said, showed that the electric and magnetic field readings were below the limits set by the DOH and the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP).

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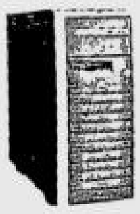

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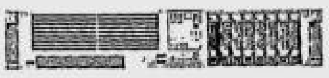

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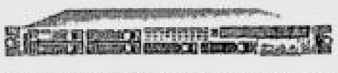

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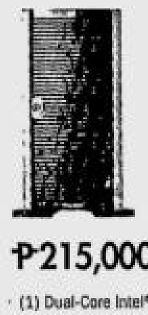

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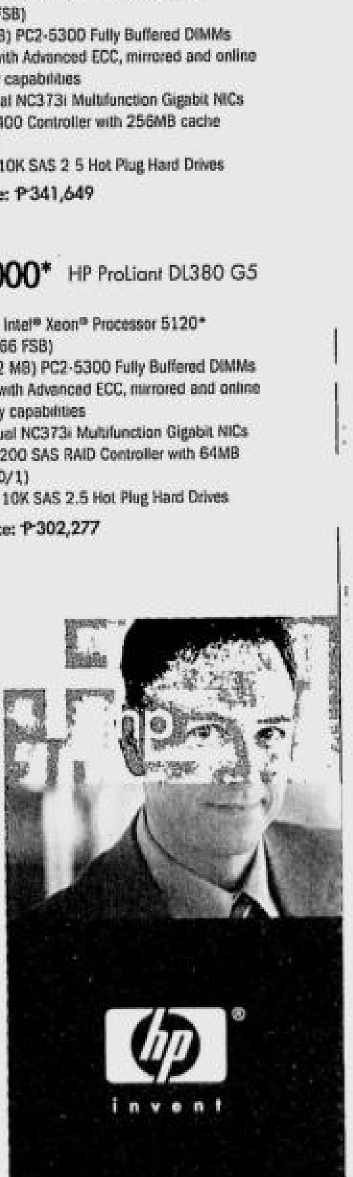

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Sluggish trading seen to continue

Dearth of market-moving news here and overseas

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez

TRADING IS EXPECTED TO BE SLUGGISH this week in the absence of market-moving news and as foreign fund managers take their summer break, dealers said.

Astro del Castillo of First Grade Holdings said the market was expected to continue consolidating as there was not much incentive to invest.

"August is usually a period for consolidation," he added.

Local investors are seen looking for bargains after the market's slide last week.

AB Capital Securities noted in a weekly note that stocks fell for a second straight week given a late selling spree on Friday and a dearth of market-moving news in both the domestic and international scenes.

The market gave up 55 points last week or 2.3 percent to close below the 2,300 psychological mark.

The PSEi ended the week at at a month-low of 2,274. Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. led the PSEi's decline as it fell 5 percent week-on-week from P1,980 to P1,890.

Petron Corp. fell 9 percent last week from the previous week's level, closing at P3.75 a share. The company was hounded by concerns over its potential accountability in a recent oil spill in Guimaras, Iloilo, said to be the largest disaster of its nature in the country.

Tanker Solar 1, which was commissioned by Petron, sank off Guimaras carrying 2.1 million liters of bunker oil destined for Zamboanga.

In a statement to the stock exchange last Tuesday, the company said it had no legal or contractual obligation to set aside any economic aid or bond to pay for the clean up. Nonetheless, the company has been helping contain the spill, and as of Aug. 21, it had covered 17 kilometers of shoreline and 90 metric tons of debris.

"Petron's fall below the psychological P4 level could be an opportunity for investors looking (for bargains)... Recall the panic effect on ABS-CBN during the height of the stampede tragedy. The issue lost almost 14 percent and fell to P10.50, but has since recovered to P17 on strong fundamentals complementing a slow death of the story," AB Capital Securities wrote.

2TradeAsia.Com said the market would also likely await developments from overseas.

Wire agencies reported that world oil prices rose Friday on supply concerns due to threat of a tropical storm near the US and fears that Iran might disrupt exports if hit by economic sanctions over its nuclear program.

According to the National Hurricane Center (NHC) in the United States, a tropical depression currently north of Venezuela was threatening to become a tropical storm later Friday. The depression has grabbed the market's attention owing to its flight toward the Gulf of Mexico, where oil platforms produce between 25 and 30 percent of US crude.

The market also continued to focus on Iran, the world's fourth biggest producer of crude. In line with a UN Security Council resolution, the United States and its European allies insist that Iran must stop enriching uranium by Aug. 31 or face sanctions. Iran, which has insisted its nuclear program is for peaceful purposes, is the second-biggest player in the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries after kingpin Saudi Arabia.

"Any attempt to comply with UN regulations would help cap further increases in crude prices, and support stable consumer prices for the remainder this year. Should the issue end on an impasse, however, volatile swings in equities are to be expected," 2TradeAsia.Com said

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Calatagan Golf Club "A"	40,000	-
Calatagan Golf Club "B"	60,000	-
Camp John Hay	-	250,000
Canlubang	490,000	400,000
Capitol Hills	50,000	-
Cebu Country Club	1,900,000	1,400,000
Celebrity Sports Club	100,000	90,000
Club Filipino	100,000	80,000
Eagle Ridge "A"/"B"/"C"	Please Call	
Forest Hills "A"	100,000	-
Forest Hills "B"	Please Call	-
Forest Hills "C"	150,000	-
Makati Sports Club "A"	220,000	170,000
Makati Sports Club "B"	250,000	
Manila Golf (Corporate)	-	12,000,000
Manila Golf (Individual)	-	11,500,000
Manila Polo	Please Call	2,800,000
Manila Southwoods "A"	330,000	-
Manila Southwoods "B"	700,000	630,000
Manila Yacht Club	280,000	
Mimosa (Individual)	240,000	160,000
Mimosa (Corporate)	650,000	550,000
Mt. Malarayat Golf "A"	180,000	-
Mt. Malarayat Golf "C"	350,000	-
Orchard Golf Club "A"	200,000	160,000
Orchard Golf Club "B"	350,000	250,000
Orchard Golf Club "C"	350,000	
Quezon City Sports Club	150,000	135,000
Sherwood "B"	-	90,000
Spa & Lodge	500,000	450,000
Sta. Elena "A"	1,200,000	1,100,000
Subic Golf	200,000	
Tagaytay Country Club	320,000	290,000
Tagaytay Highlands	700,000	600,000
Tagaytay Midlands	680,000	-
Valle Verde (Individual)	100,000	-
Valle Verde (Corporate)	200,000	150,000
Valley Golf	220,000	190,000
Wack-Wack Golf Club	-	6,200,000

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Alta Vista B/Corp.*	-	Pls. Call/300,000*
Baguio Country Club	550,000	500,000
Camp John Hay	Pls. Call	240,000
Canyon Woods	130,000	-
Capitol Hills	55,000	-
Cebu Country Club	Pls. Call	Pls. Call
Celebrity Sports	Pls. Call	90,000
Club Filipino	100,000	-
Eagleridge A/B/"C"*	320,000*/Pls. Call	Pls. Call*
Eastridge A/B*	Pls. Call	-
Evercrest	65,000	-
Fairways & Bluewater	Pls. Call	Pls. Call
Forest Hills A/B/"C"*	100,000/170,000*	Pls. Call*
Luisita Golf	Pls. Call	300,000
Manila Golf Corporate	Pls. Call	12,000,000
Manila Golf Individual	Pls. Call	Pls. Call
Manila Polo	2,900,000	2,700,000
Manila Southwoods A/B*	Pls. Call*	300,000
Makati Sports Club	180,000	160,000
Manila Yacht Club Ind.	280,000	-
Metropolitan Club A/B*	100,000	-
Mimosa Ind./C2*/C3**	Pls. Call	Pls. Call/500,000**
Mt. Malarayat A	180,000	-
Orchard A/B/"C"*	160,000/Pls. Call*/400,000**	150,000/350,000**
Punta Fuego	400,000	-
Quezon City Sports Club	160,000	Pls. Call
Riviera Golf A/B/"C"*	90,000/190,000*/250,000**	Pls. Call*
Rockwell Leisure Club	Pls. Call	Pls. Call
Royale Tagaytay CC	80,000	-
Sherwood A/B/"C"*	70,000/150,000**	-
Sta. Elena Golf A/B*	1,150,000	1,100,000/1,050,000*
Subic Golf	100,000	-
The Palms Country Club	Pls. Call	Pls. Call
Tagaytay Country Club	340,000	-
Tagaytay Highlands	720,000	-
Tagaytay Midlands	Pls. Call	600,000
The Country Club	2,000,000	-
Tower Club	150,000	-
Valley Golf	220,000	-
Valle Verde Ind.	100,000	-
Wack Wack Golf	Pls. Call	6,250,000

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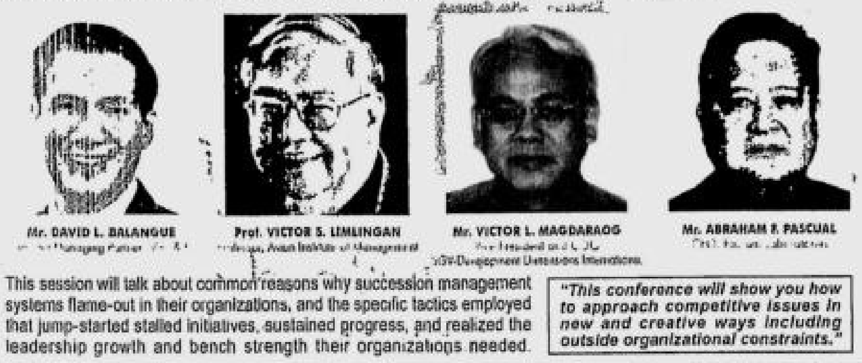

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RLC signs lease deal with global outsourcing firm

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez

ROBINSONS LAND CORP., THE REAL ESTATE firm of the Gokongweis' JG Summit Holdings Inc., has concluded a major leasing deal with global outsourcing and management firm Accenture Inc.

Under the deal, Accenture will lease a space with a floor area of 30,000 square meters in Robinsons Cybergate Center 2 (RCC2) in Mandaluyong City.

In a statement, RLC said this was so far the biggest office building lease transaction in the Philippines involving a single corporate occupant.

Almost fully leased-out even before completion, RCC2 is a modern 28-storey prime office building at the corner of Edsa and Pioneer St. in Mandaluyong City.

RCC2 is part of the mixed-use community that includes the Robinsons Place Pioneer Mall, Robinsons Cybergate Center (RCC) Tower 1 and residential condominiums Gateway Garden Heights, One Gateway Place and Gateway Garden Ridge.

Inspired by the success of RCC2, RLC is now considering fast tracking the launch of Robinsons Cybergate Center Tower 3 to meet the office space demand of global outsourcing companies. For its third tower, the publicly listed firm said it was already receiving reservations and inquiries from several of the world's leading outsourcing compaies.

Driven by the continued expansion and need of global outsourcing firms and other data-information companies for office space, the shortage of office building space is projected to continue in the next two to three years.

Per industry figures, the annual take-up of office space for call centers and business process outsourcing firms is currently estimated at 150,000 square meters. The current lease rate in the Philippines continues to be one of the cheapest rates in Asia and this further attracts global outsourcing firms to seriously consider moving their backroom facilities in the Philippines.

Almost the same period last year, the giant outsourcing firm Accenture leased from RLC 16,000 square meters at RCC Tower 1. Leading international real estate services firm, CB Richard Ellis, represented Accenture in both deals.

RLC executive vice-president Frederick D. Go, said "This latest transaction reinforces the position of Robinsons Land Corp."

RLC has the widest selection of sites for global outsourcing companies with more than two dozen commercial and office buildings located nationwide—helping companies in acquiring their ideal location for business, fully spreading their business risk and enhancing disaster recovery capabilities.

The property giant has existing lease agreements with most of the world's largest outsourcing firms today: Accenture Inc; Convergys Philippines Services Corp; Hellocorp Philippines Inc; Hewlett-Packard Philippines; Influent Philippines Inc; PacificHub Corp.; PeopleSupport (Phils.) Inc; Sitel; TeleDevelopment Services Inc; TeleTech Customer Care Management (Phils.), and Winsource Solutions (Phils.) Inc.

PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE

(As of August 25, 2006)

STOCKS	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	VOLUME
FINANCIAL					
BANKS					
Asiatrust Dev. Bank Inc.	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	3,000
Banco de Oro Univ. Bank	35.5	35.5	34.5	34.5	181,700
Bank of the Phil. Islands	53	53	51.5	52	627,600
China Banking Corp.	695	695	695	695	510
Citystate Savings Bank	20.5	20.5	20.5	20.5	600
Export and Ind. Bank A	0.39	0.39	0.38	0.38	1,130,000
Equitable PCI Bank Inc.	78.5	78.5	76	76	100,100
Metropolitan Bank & Trust	38.5	39	37.5	38	791,300
Phil. Bank of Comm. A	55	55	55	55	100
Philippine National Bank	33	33	32.5	32.5	21,000
Rizal Comm. Banking Corp.	16.75	16.75	16.75	16.75	5,000
Union Bank of the Phil.	44.5	45	42	42	20,100
OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS					
Bankard Inc.	0.61	0.61	0.6	0.6	400,000
Citiseconline.Com Inc.	1.88	1.88	1.88	1.88	206,000
First Metro Invest. Corp	28	30.5	28	30.5	7,500
Manulife Financial Corp.	1620	1620	1620	1620	60
PCI Leasing & Fin. Inc.	1	1	1	1	60,000
Sun Life Financial Inc.	2040	2040	2040	2040	50
Ivantage Corp.	1.34	1.42	1.32	1.42	15,029,000
INDUSTRIAL					
ELECTRICITY, ENERGY, POWER & WATER					
First Gen Corp.	42	42.5	42	42.5	30,000
First Phil Hldgs Corp	42.5	42.5	42	42	562,100
Manila Electric Co. A	15.75	16	15.75	16	2,800
Manila Electric Co. B	25	25	25	25	298,000
Manila Water Co. Inc.	8.9	9	8.9	9	1,437,000
Petron Corp.	3.8	3.85	3.75	3.75	6,511,000
Trans-Asia Oil and Energy	0.93	0.93	0.93	0.93	80,000
FOOD, BEVERAGE & TOBACCO					
CADP Group Corp.	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	3,000
Cen Azucar de Tarlac	2.28	3.7	2.28	3.7	22,000
Ginebra San Miguel Inc.	22.75	23	22.75	23	23,500
Jollibee Foods Corp.	32.5	32.5	31.5	31.5	607,100
Roxas Holdings Inc.	3.85	3.85	3.85	3.85	654,000
San Miguel Corp. A	63	64	63	64	54,700
San Miguel Corp. B	71.5	72	70.5	72	542,000
Universal Robina Corp.	18.5	18.5	18	18	1,366,600
Vitarich Corp.	0.21	0.215	0.21	0.21	500,000
CONSTRUCTION, INFRASTRUCTURE & ALLIED SERVICES					
Southeast Asian Cement	0.28	0.29	0.28	0.28	570,000
Engineering Equip. Inc.	1.6	1.62	1.58	1.6	5,540,000
Fortune Cement Corp.	1.52	1.52	1.52	1.52	20,000
Holcim Philippines Inc.	4.9	5	4.9	4.95	942,000
Republic Cement Corp.	1.38	1.4	1.38	1.4	235,000
CHEMICALS					
Corro-Coat Inc.	4	4	3.5	3.5	10,000
DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS					
Global Equities Inc.	0.6	0.63	0.57	0.57	250,770,000
Picop Resources Inc.	0.0875	0.12	0.0875	0.105	66,900,000
HOLDING FIRMS					
Abacus Con Res & Hdg A	0.0075	0.0075	0.0075	0.0075	56,000,000
Abacus Con Res & Hdg B	0.008	0.008	0.008	0.008	11,000,000
Ayala Corp.	420	425	420	422.5	189,890
Alsons Cons. Res. Inc.	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	500,000
Aboitiz Equity Ventures	4.85	4.9	4.85	4.85	36,000
Ajo.Net Holdings Inc.	0.028	0.029	0.028	0.028	26,100,000
A. Soriano Corp.	1.8	1.82	1.8	1.82	41,000
Apc Group Inc.	0.29	0.3	0.28	0.29	3,570,000
Alcorn Gold Res. Corp.	0.008	0.008	0.008	0.008	7,000,000
ATN Holdings Inc.	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	10,000
Balabac Resources & Hldgs	1	1	1	1	10,000
Benpres Holdings Corp.	1.08	1.08	1.06	1.06	1,134,000
DMCI Holdings Inc.	4.1	4.15	4.05	4.05	50,000
Fil-Estate Corp.	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.26	10,000
Filinvest Dev. Corp.	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	10,000
House of Investments Inc.	1.18	1.18	1.18	1.18	50,000
J.G. Summit Holdings Inc	5.6	5.7	5.6	5.6	643,000
Medco Holdings	0.19	0.19	0.185	0.185	720,000
Pacifica	0.013	0.014	0.013	0.013	65,000,000
Prime Orion Phils. Inc.	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	1,360,000
Sinophil Corp.	0.135	0.135	0.135	0.135	2,350,000
SM Investments Corp.	217	218	216	216	121,380
South China Resources Inc	0.86	0.86	0.86	0.86	100,000
Unioil Res. & Holdings Co	0.135	0.135	0.13	0.13	10,150,000
Wellex Industries Inc.	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	300,000
PROPERTY					
Ayala Land Inc.	13.25	13.25	13.25	13.25	6,052,100
Araneta Properties Inc.	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33	10,000
Belle Corp.	1.02	1.02	1	1	373,000
Crown Equities Inc.	0.35	0.36	0.33	0.33	9,500,000
Cebu Holdings Inc.	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	266,000
C & P Homes Inc.	1.28	1.28	1.28	1.28	30,000
Cyber Bay Corp.	0.27	0.27	0.26	0.26	200,000
EIB Realty Developers Inc	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	10,000
Empire East Land Inc.	0.47	0.47	0.46	0.46	5,260,000
Edsa Prop. Holdings Inc.	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	300,000
Ever-Gotesco Resources	0.049	0.0525	0.049	0.0525	500,000
Filinvest Land Inc	1.38	1.38	1.38	1.38	14,808,000
Gotesco Land Inc.	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	700,000
Gotesco Land Inc. B	0.13	0.15	0.13	0.15	110,000
Interport Res.	0.0065	0.0065	0.0065	0.0065	20,000,000
Interport Res. B	0.0065	0.0065	0.0065	0.0065	3,000,000
Marsteel Cons. Inc. B	0.015	0.015	0.015	0.015	500,000
Megaworld Corp.	1.68	1.7	1.66	1.68	20,618,000
Metro Pacific Corp.	0.22	0.22	0.205	0.205	40,720,000
MRC Allied Ind. Inc.	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	480,000
Robinsons Land Corp.	12	12.25	12	12.25	123,700
Phil Realty and Holdings	0.41	0.41	0.41	0.41	300,000
SM Development Corp.	1.68	1.68	1.68	1.68	3,000
SM Prime Holdings Inc.	7.8	7.8	7.6	7.7	5,430,000
Suntrust Home Dev. Inc.	0.56	0.56	0.56	0.56	230,000
Uniwide Holdings Inc.	0.09	0.0925	0.09	0.0925	2,300,000
MEDIA					
ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp	16.5	16.5	16.5	16.5	5,300
TELECOMMUNICATIONS					
Digital Telecom Phils Inc	1.26	1.26	1.24	1.24	1,383,000
Globe Telecom Inc.	990	990	970	970	27,870
Pilipino Tel. Corp.	3.75	3.75	3.7	3.7	4,039,000
Phil. Long Dis Tel Co.	1925	1925	1890	1890	170,880
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY					
Boulevard Holdings Inc.	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19	1,910,000
Imperial Res.	0.018	0.021	0.018	0.019	314,200,000
Ionics Inc.	2.08	2.08	2.08	2.08	15,000
Island Info and Tech Inc.	0.055	0.055	0.0525	0.0525	3,000,000
ISM Communications Corp.	0.0575	0.0575	0.055	0.055	9,400,000
Music Semiconductors Corp	1.18	1.18	1.14	1.14	150,000
Philweb Corp.	0.029	0.03	0.029	0.03	159,900,000
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
Asian Terminals, Inc.	2.95	2.95	2.95	2.95	300,000
Int'l Container Term'l Sv	14.75	14.75	14.75	14.75	1,255,200
Keppel Phils. Marine Inc	0.94	0.96	0.94	0.96	290,000
HOTEL & LEISURE					
Acesite Phils Hotel Corp.	4.2	4.2	4	4	793,000
Leisure & Resorts Corp.	1.56	1.56	1.52	1.54	1,019,000
Waterfront Phils. Inc.	0.48	0.48	0.48	0.48	200,000
EDUCATION					
iPeople Inc	2.9	2.9	2.75	2.75	224,000
DIVERSIFIED SERVICES					
Macroasia Corp.	2.3	2.32	2.24	2.24	314,000
Paxys Inc.	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	573,000
MINING					
Apex Mining Co. Inc. A	5	5	4.85	4.85	900,000
Apex Mining Co. Inc. B	4.95	4.95	4.85	4.9	440,000
Abra Mining & Industrial	0.009	0.009	0.0085	0.0085	128,000,000
Atlas Cons. Min & Dev't	8	8.2	8	8.2	1,237,000
Dizon Copper Silver Mines	2.1	2.28	2.1	2.2	225,000
Lepanto Cons. Mng. Co B	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	5,700,000
Manila Mining Corp. A	0.019	0.019	0.018	0.019	329,700,000
Manila Mining Corp. B	0.022	0.023	0.021	0.022	282,900,000
Omico Corp.	0.01	0.011	0.01	0.01	2,051,000,000
Philex Mining Corp. A	4.1	4.15	4	4	1,273,000
Philex Mining Corp. B	4.15	4.2	4.1	4.1	1,616,000
Semirara Mining Corp.	25.5	25.5	25	25	158,300
United Paragon Mining Co.	0.62	0.62	0.6	0.6	640,000
Vulcan Ind'l	0.62	0.62	0.62	0.62	400,000
OIL					
Basic Consolidated Inc.	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27	1,450,000
Oriental Pet. & Min. A	0.011	0.011	0.011	0.011	15,200,000
Oriental Pet. & Min. B	0.012	0.012	0.012	0.012	1,200,000
The Philodrill Corp. A	1.26	1.26	1.2	1.2	1,877,000
The Philodrill Corp. B	1.28	1.28	1.26	1.26	616,000
Petroenergy Res. Corp.	13	13	12.75	12.75	26,400
PREFERRED					
Ayala Corp. Pref. B	103	104	103	104	3,210
WARRANTS, PHIL. DEPOSIT RECEIPTS, ETC.					
ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp (Pdr)	16.75	16.75	16.75	16.75	371,500

CURRENCIES

August 25, 2006 Country	Unit	Euro Equivalent	Dollar Equivalent	Peso Equivalent
United States	Dollar	0.784006	1	51.568
Japan	Yen	0.006726	0.008579	0.4424
United Kingdom	Pound	1.479106	1.8866	97.2882
Hong Kong	Dollar	0.10081	0.128583	6.6308
Switzerland	Franc	0.632365	0.806582	41.5938
Canada	Dollar	0.706439	0.901063	46.466
Singapore	Dollar	0.497056	0.633995	32.6939
Australia	Dollar	0.597794	0.762486	39.3199
Bahrain	Dinar*	2.079758	2.652731	136.796
Saudi Arabia	Rial	0.209051	0.266645	13.7503
Brunei	Dollar	0.495485	0.631991	32.5905
Indonesia	Rupiah	0.000085	0.000109	0.0056
Thailand	Baht	0.020823	0.02656	1.3696
UAE	Dirham	0.213457	0.272264	14.0401
Euro	Euro	1	1.2755	65.775
Argentina	Peso	0.254135	0.324149	16.7157
Brazil	Real	0.363336	0.463435	23.8984
Denmark	Kroner	0.134048	0.170978	8.817
India	Rupee	0.016889	0.021542	1.1109
Malaysia	Ringgit	0.213161	0.271887	14.0207
Mexico	New Peso	0.071737	0.0915	4.7185
New Zealand	Dollar	0.499018	0.636497	32.8229
Norway	Kroner	0.12354	0.157575	8.1258
Pakistan	Rupee	0.013011	0.016595	0.8558
South Africa	Rand	0.109605	0.139801	7.2093
Korea	Won	0.000818	0.001043	0.0538
Taiwan	Nt Dollar	0.02387	0.030446	1.57

Peza OKs 18 new projects worth ₱812M

By Ronnel W. Domingo

THE PHILIPPINE ECONOMIC ZONE AUthority said it had approved 18 new projects worth P812 million, with expected average export sales of about $350 million a year.

Peza Director General Lilia de Lima said the projects were expected to create 1,846 new jobs.

De Lima said three of the new projects—worth P267.3 million—were engaged in the information technology sector.

Also, she said total investment commitments as of Aug. 10 reached a total of P35.3 billion or 22.3 percent higher than the P28.9 billion posted in the same period of 2005.

Of the total amount, locator investments accounted for P30.2 billion while ecozone developers represented P5.1 billion.

There were 285 projects approved between Jan.1 and Aug. 10.

"The expected annual average direct employment to be generated by these investments is 53,712 or 19.4 percent higher than year-ago's 44,977," De Lima said.

During the period covered, IT investments approved for Peza registration amounted to P5.2 billion or 9.6 percent higher than last year's level.

Given the go-ahead were 69 IT projects that account for a projected average direct employment creation of 24,370.

In July, Trade Secretary Peter B. Favila reaffirmed his optimism that investments in the country would pick up due to "renewed investor confidence" although total investments approved by his department in the first half went down by a fifth to P100 billion.

Favila said growth industries such as mining, logistics, health and wellness, tourism, and IT-enabled services were being harnessed through public-private partnerships. These industries, he added, were providing new opportunities for investors.

Earlier this month, the Joint Foreign Chambers of Commerce and Industry of the Philippines urged Malacañang to take more active steps in liberalizing the entry of investments from abroad, saying that the list of sectors where alien interest were barred has not changed much in the past half decade.

JFC members include the American, Australia-New Zealand, Canadian, European, Japanese and Korean chambers and the Philippine Association of Multinational Companies Regional Headquarters.

In particular, JFC noted that the 7th Regular Foreign Investment Negative List, which was expected to be promulgated through an executive order within the year, had few changes compared to the existing list.

The list of industries, which sets limits if not outright prohibition of foreign interest, is issued every two years, with the last one having been spelled out through EO No. 389 dated Nov. 30, 2004.

Existing laws restrict foreign ownership of land ownership, mass media, public utilities, gambling or gaming and defense-related activities.

Leakage

QUESTIONS OF POLICIES

Honesto C. General

THE UPROAR OVER THE LEAKage scandal surrounding the licensure exam for nurses has gone out of hand. Even the Court of Appeals has entered the scene by ordering a temporary halt to the oath-taking of those who passed the exams. I hope the court throws out the petition soon.

Let's all sit back and settle down. To start, peddling exam questions has been a thriving backyard industry for decades. In 1950, when I was in mechanical engineering school, a companion of mine in the boarding house was quite upset when he came home one evening. He was taking the final exams the next day and he had spent the whole afternoon looking for leakage, and he was ready to pay well for it. He found none. He passed the exams anyway and went on to build a lucrative practice.

Government licensing exams have been brisk markets for leakages. Because of the post-World War II economic boom, schools mushroomed all over the country to meet the demands of a rising student population. Practitioners became alarmed over the threat from a proliferation of lawyers, engineers, accountants, doctors and nurses, and so forth. To cut down competition, government exams, designed and conducted by practitioners out to protect their practice, became very difficult. The mortality, especially in accountancy exams, was always extremely high.

As a result, the demand for leakages intensified. It is safe to assume that, over the years, there have been leakages in every exam in medicine, law, accounting and, now, nursing.

The problem has been worsened by the race among schools to have the highest passing rate and the most examinees among the so-called magic Top Ten. But the schools manipulate the results. For example, a law school will certify only the examinees that it thinks will pass. Those not certified do not carry the colors of their school.

Then, there is the review center, a fairly recent phenomenon. In my time, the school conducted the review classes. Today, the center conducts review classes, especially for examinees from the provinces.

The review center has also become a hotbed of scandal. There is a stiff competition among them to show the highest success rate and the most examinees to land in the top ten. When my niece, who was an honor student in Naga, took the review class for accountancy in a review center in Manila, she was offered a spot in the top ten. She turned it down. She said that, even if she had the money asked of her, which she did not have, she would rather take her chances at the exams. She did not land in the top ten, but with her summa cum laude, she easily got a job at SGV. She soon became a full partner.

What should be done to plug the leaks? A complete reorientation of the entire system is needed. First, local practitioners need not worry anymore about the competition from the young. The whole world needs Filipino professionals.

Just what is an exam anyway? An exam is nothing but a device to measure how much has the examinee learned from his lessons in class. The exam should exclude questions on subject matters that were not taught in school. And, please, no tricky questions.

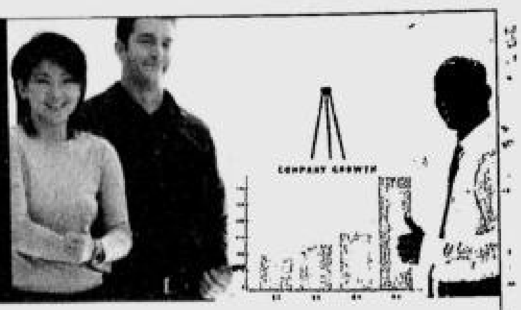
There should only be two marks: pass or fail. No more top ten. Certification of examinees by the school should be banned; the diploma is the certification.

One who flunks need not take the entire exam again. He should be allowed to repeat only the subjects where he failed, provided he passed a certain minimum number of subjects and his general average was not lower than, say, 50 percent.

The other professions should look into the feasibility of adopting the practice in leak-proof engineering exams where everybody is allowed to bring to the exam room all the reference books he can carry.

Revamping the exam system, and dismantling the leakage industry, is sorely needed. About half a million students graduate from our colleges and universities every year.

In the meantime, the oath-taking of the nurses who passed the last exams should be allowed. If none of them can be proven guilty, why should all 42,000 examinees in 11 testing centers be punished?



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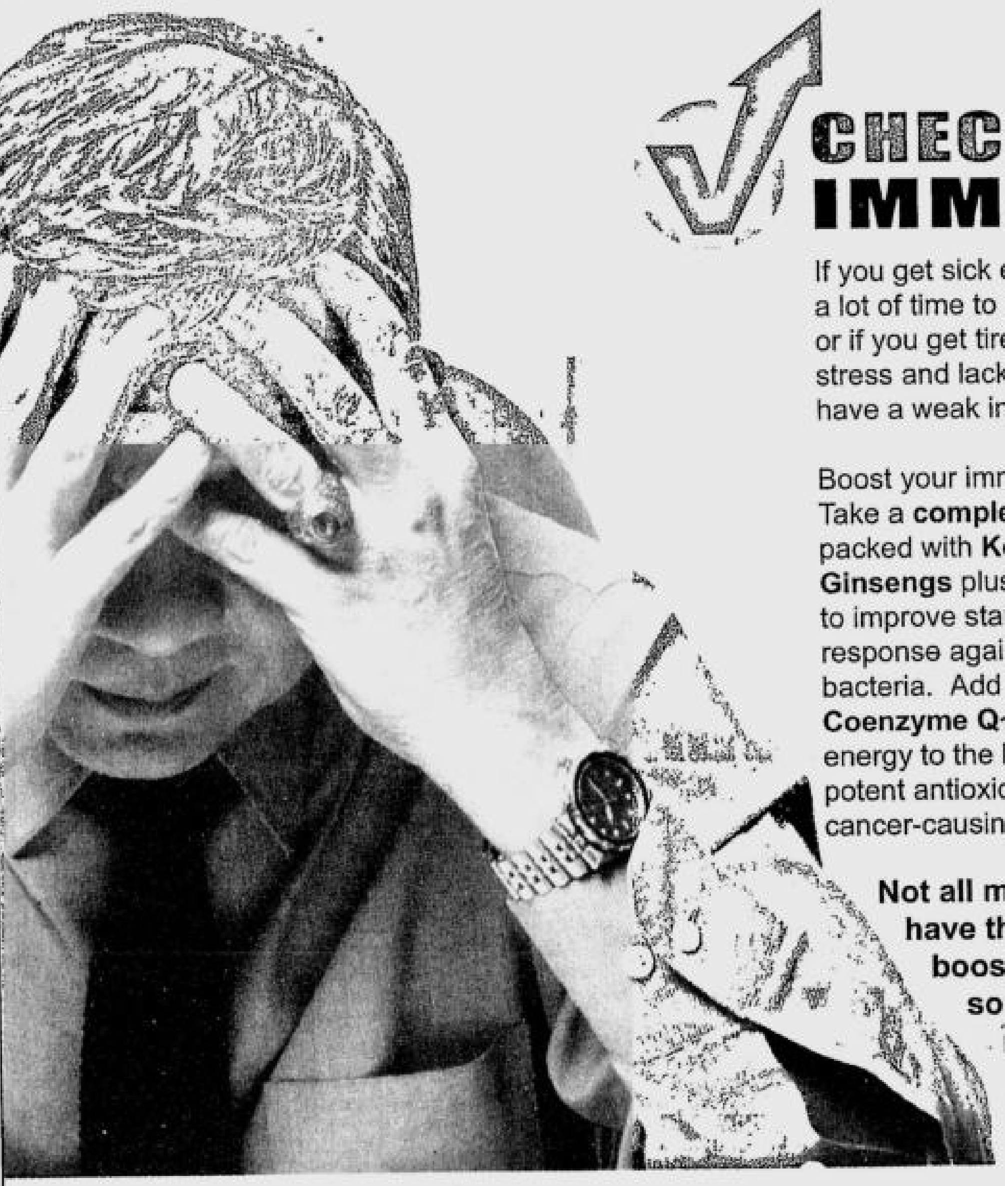

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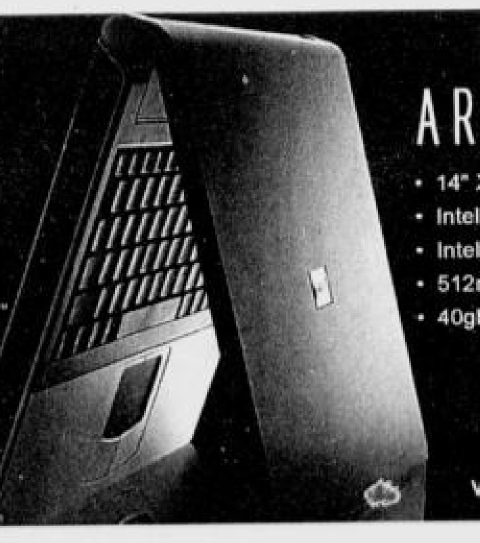

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RP eyes end to IMF post-program monitoring

Gov't to let PPM lapse in April '07

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE PHILIPPINES, CREDITED FOR having bailed itself out of the fiscal rut, is no longer keen on extending the International Monetary Fund's Post-Program Monitoring (PPM), which will lapse in April next year, top government sources said.

"Maybe it will just be allowed to lapse," a top government economic manager told reporters, noting that talks were revived on the planned exit from the PPM.

The country was placed under the PPM in 2001 when the country graduated from its last IMF funding program.

Another government official said the PPM—previously regarded as a seal of good housekeeping—was bound to end.

A Finance official said the country's sound macroeconomic fundamentals put it in a good position to exit from the IMF monitoring.

The PPM provides for frequent consultations between the IMF and members whose country programs had ended but with remaining outstanding credit with the Fund. The consultations focus on policies that have bearing on external viability.

The IMF conducts a review on the Philippines twice a year under the PPM, the last of which was completed early this month.

Under this monitoring scheme, the IMF can offer its advice but it can no longer impose policy conditions such as those on monetary aggregates and public sector borrowings as done under country programs.

"There will still be Article IV consultations (which cover members of the fund), and this will continue even when you don't have any outstanding debt to the IMF like the United States," the official said, noting the IMF would still play a role in terms of surveillance and technical assistance.

Prior to the PPM, the Philippines has had 20 different financing programs with the Fund, whose funding packages were used to stabilize the country's balance of payment position. In those years, an IMF mission from Washington visited the country every quarter.

The last IMF mission from Washington commended the Philippine economy's good performance notwithstanding higher oil prices and projected that the domestic economy would likely remain resilient. The mission expects the economy to expand by 5 percent this year and 5.5 percent next year once private investments start to pick up.

However, the mission urged the government to shore up spending for infrastructure and social services in order to make the most out of recent gains from fiscal reforms, particularly the expanded value added tax. The mission noted that the government's expenditures through the first semester were less than anticipated and that there would be scope to raise productive capital and priority spending during the remainder of the year, while continuing to meet the deficit target.

"This will allow the full realization of the benefits of VAT reform and devote resources towards much-needed public infrastructure," the mission said.

The IMF mission, headed by James Gordon, recently conducted with government economic managers, as part of the Fund's post-program monitoring.

The IMF mission said new revenue-raising measures, such as the rationalization of tax incentives, might be needed. "Durable fiscal adjustment is achieved by raising revenues rather than compressing productive expenditures," it said.

Another key fiscal reform that would be helpful over the long haul, Gordon said, would be the indexation of excise taxes to inflation. This, he said, would ensure that past revenue gains are not eroded over time.

"At the same time, careful monitoring of other parts of the public sector, such as government owned and controlled corporations, will help avoid any undermining of the fiscal consolidation efforts by national government," the mission said.

MWCI seeks better terms for $30-M loan

By Christine A. Gaylican

THE AYALA GROUP'S WATER SUBSIDIARY, Manila Water Company Inc., is negotiating for lower rates and better terms for a $30-million loan it previously acquired from a foreign bank, company officials said.

Clarifying its disclosure to the Philippine Stock Exchange last week when it said it "would restructure its existing loans," MWCI said it was seeking only lowering of the rates not longer repayment period.

MWCI president Antonino T. Aquino told the INQUIRER this would improve the company's credit standing and cash flows.

MWCI's chief financial officer Sherisa Nuesa explained in another interview that this was the company's way of taking advantage of the improving credit situation.

Nuesa said the firm would keep the 10-year tenor of the loan but preferably at better terms and lower rates.

Nuesa refused to name the foreign bank as negotiations were still ongoing. The company recently acquired some P2 billion in loans from a syndicate of local banks to partly finance its capital expenditure next year.

The company ended the first semester with water sales reaching a record 933 million liters per day (mld), 6 percent or 56 mld higher than the level in the same period last year. Initiatives to address commercial losses, coupled with efficient network management, came into fruition as nonrevenue water improved to 30.2 percent, a 6-percentage-point reduction from year-ago.

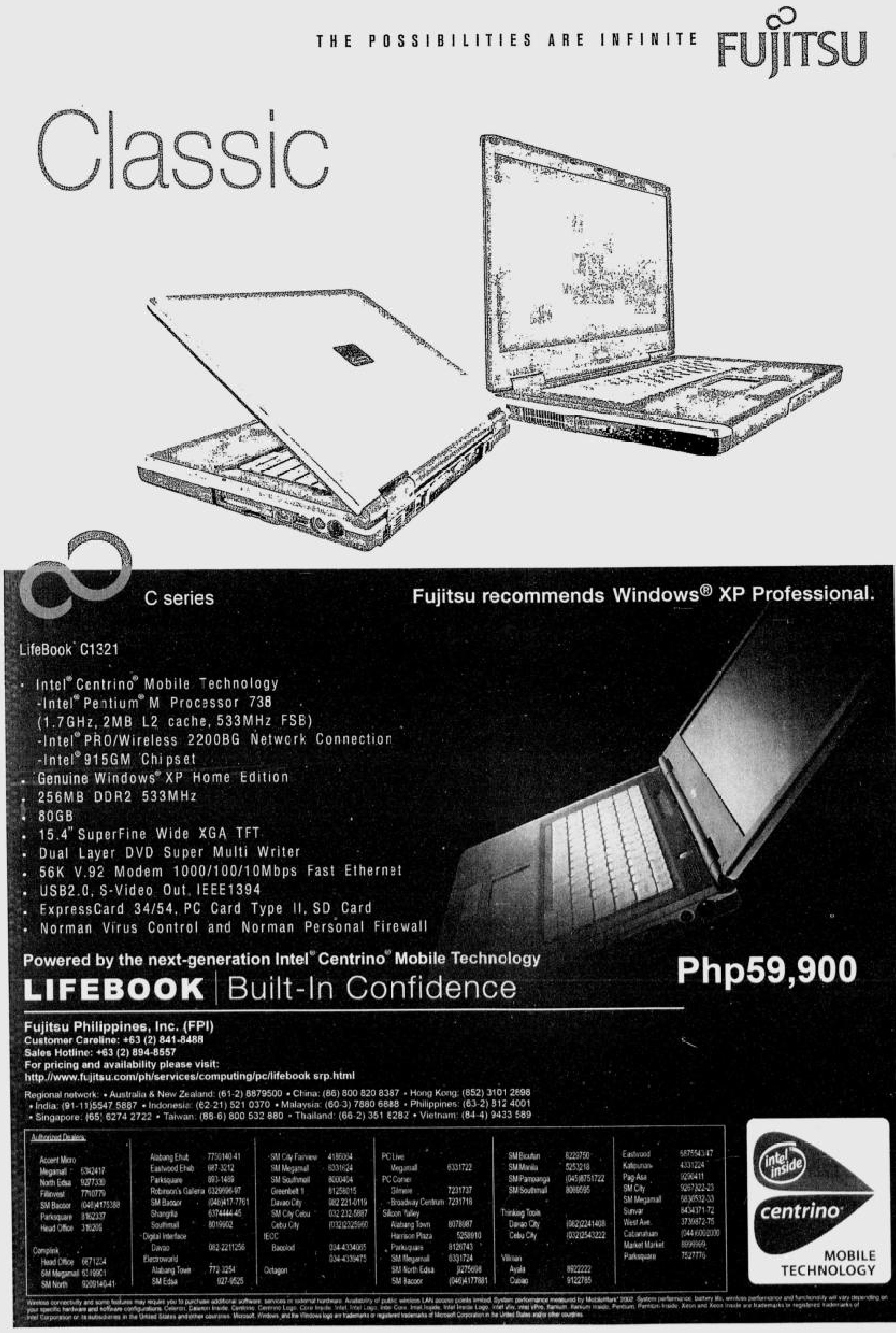
Year-to-date revenue was at P3.21 billion, up by 12 percent year-on-year. This was brought about by the combined effect of tariff adjustments (CPI) and the 6-percent growth in water sales.

Earnings before income tax and depreciation (ebitda) hit P1.79 billion, while net income reached P1.23 billion, 25 percent higher than the P986 million posted in the same period last year.

Total assets were at P20.87 billion, up by 16 percent from December 2005 level.

MWCI is touting its record of connecting thousands of homes in Metro Manila in a bid for a slice of water privatization action elsewhere in Asia.

MWCI, which has run a concession in the east zone since 1997, said it had raised the number of households with 24-hour-a-day running water by about 80 percent to 593,000 and cut leakage from the system to 35.6 percent from 63 percent.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Continental, KLM seek increase in fuel surcharge

By Riza T. Olchondra

CONTINENTAL MICRONESIA AND KLM Royal Dutch Airlines have joined the beeline at the Civil Aeronautics Board for an increase in fuel surcharges on passenger tickets.

Continental sought a $20 increase in the levy on one-way tickets from Manila to Hawaii or the US mainland, and back, from the current $55 levy per ticket.

KLM wants a $5 fuel surcharge hike for its inter-continental sector and North Atlantic sector, and $2 for its intra-Europe sector.

If approved, the fuel levy for KLM's inter-continental sector will increase from $45 to $50, while that for the North Atlantic sector will rise from $42 to $47. The surcharge for its Intra-Europe sector will go up to $17 from the current $15 per ticket.

Early this month, Philippine Airlines Inc. (PAL), Cebu Pacific Air and China Airlines, Ltd. had sought government permission to increase fuel surcharges.

In separate petitions to the Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB), the airlines acknowledged that any surcharge hike would result in an added burden on passengers. They, however, stressed that impact of the rising oil prices on their operating costs had left them no other choice but seek higher surcharges.

In its letter, PAL asked to be allowed to double its fuel surcharge on its Philippines-Guam route from $11 to $22.

China Airlines sought a $20 adjustment for two routes, Taipei-USA and Taipei-Canada. Only Cebu Pacific focused on domestic routes, its primary source of business. It sought adjustments for six route segments. It wants an additional fuel surcharge of P140 for its Luzon-Mindanao flights, P100 for Luzon-Visayas, P100 for routes within Luzon, P60 within Visayas, P60 within Mindanao and P60 for Visayas-Mindanao.

"Unlike other airlines that are able to increase the regional surcharges to the level that these can partially subsidize the domestic sector, Cebu Pacific's regional operations only comprise a small part of its operations," Cebu Pacific said in its letter to the CAB.

Customs clears cement importer

THE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS (BOC) HAS ruled that Japanese-owned Southern Cross Cement Corp. (SCCC) has been paying the right taxes for its cement importation, contrary to recent reports.

A BOC memorandum endorsed by Customs Commissioner Napoleon Morales stated that the import declaration, as well as the duties and taxes paid for two cement shipments questioned by the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) "were all consistent with those in other SCCC cement importation."

"Within the context of the declaration under Method 1, there is no injury to the government in terms of short payment of duties and taxes as the customs valuation base in all these shipments is the same," the BOC memorandum said.

Based on the Tariff and Customs Code, Method 1 uses the Transaction Value which is the price paid or payable for the goods when sold for export to the Philippines plus other related costs.

The BOC recommended the adoption of the Deductive Method in resolving the valuation dispute" on SCCC's imports. The deductive value is based on the unit price at which the imported goods are sold in the Philippines. SCCC has already paid in part the additional import duties arising from the change in the customs valuation method, the BOC said.

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By Riza T. Olchondra

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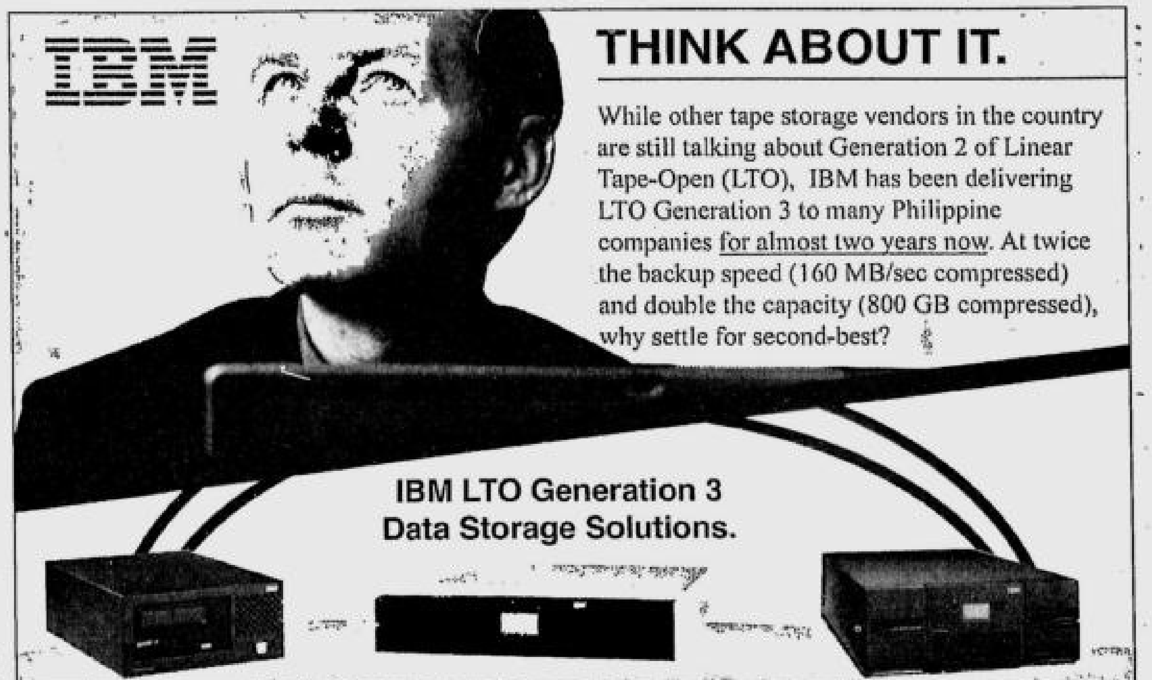

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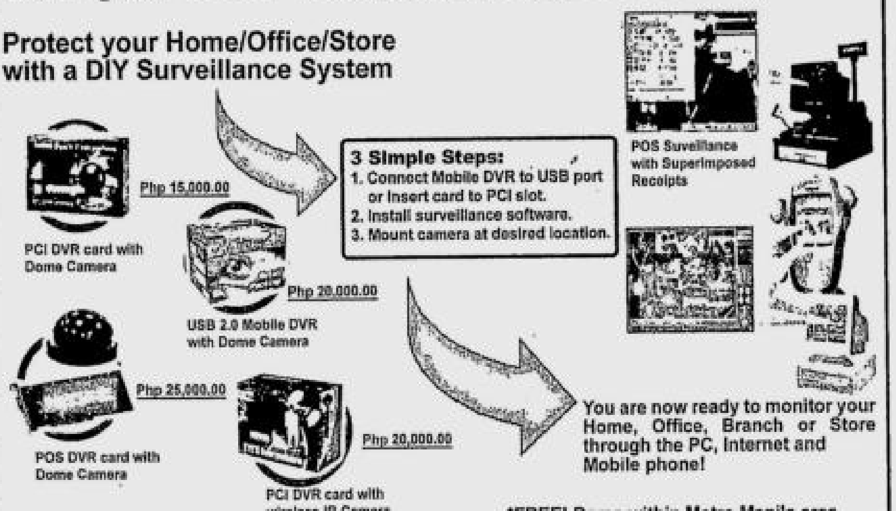
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China threatens to cut RP mango shipments

By Christine A. Gaylican

A TEAM OF FILIPINO EXPERTS WILL be sent to China to verify reports that the recent shipments of mangoes from the Philippines contained pests—a claim that threatens to reduce the volume of exports to China.

China has already agreed to the Department of Agriculture's request to field a team of Filipino experts to the mainland and verify the findings of Chinese quarantine officials, the DA's Bureau of Plant Industry said.

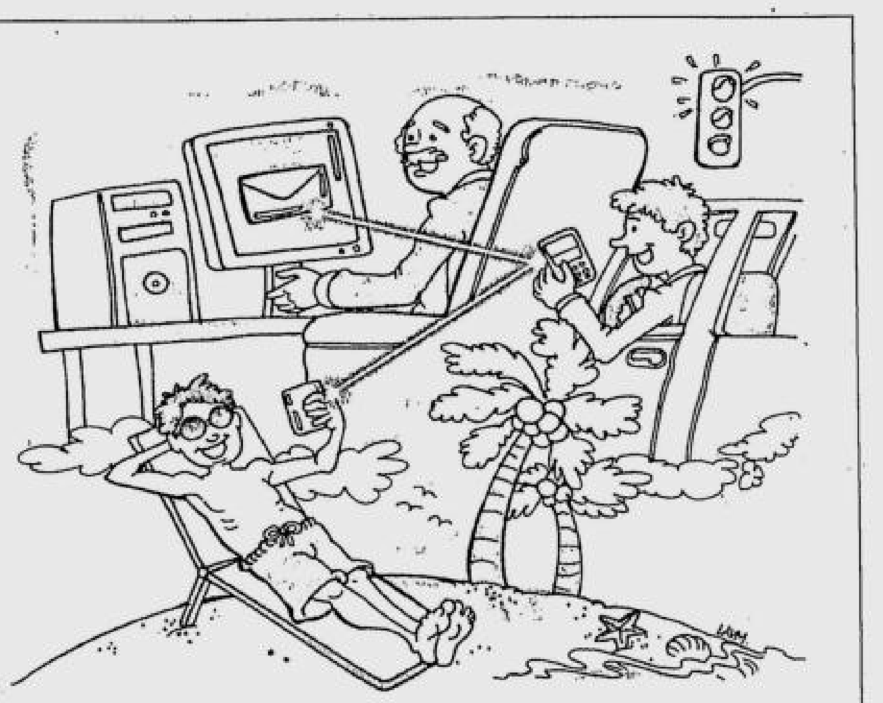
According to the DA, the move will compel China to temporarily stop a new rule allowing only fresh mango. shipments from the Philippines.

The new rule will also require all Philippine produce to be subjected to vapor heat treatment (VHT).

Hernani Golez, an official of the National Mango Action Team (NMAT), said it would be very costly for exporters to invest in a new VHT facility, which costs about P32 million. He said this will raise the cost of mangoes shipped to China by about P40 per kilo. The existing VHT facilities are being used solely for exports to the United States, Korea and Japan.

Filipino mango exporters are now urging the government to explore options outside of diplomatic channels to come up with acceptable quarantine protocols for fresh mango shipments from the Philippines before China imposes the ban this September.

"The government has to pick up the pace in resolving this issue," said Roberto Amores, president of the Mango Producers Exporters Confederation Inc. (MPECI) and the Philippine Food Processors and Exporters Inc. (Philfoodex). "Obviously the usual channels are not enough."



Management tends to underestimate tech savvy workers

Nokia pitches new cellular phone to boost productivity in workplace

By Daxim L. Lucas

COMPANY LEADERS AND BUSINESS DEcision makers significantly underestimate the amount of work their employees do using so-called "mobile technology," resulting in the slower adoption of productivity-enhancing gadgets, a worldwide survey has found.

Called the State of Workforce Mobility survey, it revealed that, on the average, business decision makers believe that 24 percent of their employees use mobile phones for work-related activities.

In truth, however, over 50 percent of employees in the same organizations surveyed said that they used their mobile phones for business.

"This disparity between perceived use and actual use of mobile technology has been responsible for slower deployment within some businesses," said the survey, while was sponsored by Finnish mobile phone maker Nokia.

The same survey found that, on the average, employees nowadays spend one-third of their time outside the office, and almost half their time in the office away from their desks, making the use of wireless devices all the more important for them to maintain high productivity levels.

At the same time, the paper held out hope for increasing employee productivity, noting that "the trend is changing as more decision makers recognize the benefits to their workforce and their organization from a fully mobile infrastructure."

The world's largest mobile phone maker released the results to journalists recently as it marketed its new mobile phone platform, called the Nokia E61, aimed at corporate users.

"The Nokia E61—the first of the new Nokia Eseries—[is] distinctively different in design, allowing businesses of all sizes to mobilize their workforce," the company said in a statement. "[It] combines an attractive and easy-to-use design that appeals to individual business users with new underlying technologies that allow IT departments to effectively manage security settings, corporate applications and data.

"It is designed to accommodate must-have mobile applications needed in today's business world like mobile email and advanced voice calling functions."

This is especially important since recent trends point to the likelihood that up to 41 million corporate employees worldwide will spend at least one day a week "teleworking" by 2008, while almost 100 million will work from home at least one day a month, according to a similar industry study.

Recently, the phone maker brought together a group of young Filipino businessmen and entrepreneurs to have them try out the Nokia E61—a phone that resembles the latest models of the highly popular Blackberry device, especially in terms of its large screen and "qwerty" keyboard.

"I wear a variety of hats: Real estate developer, magazine editor, newspaper columnist, TV host," said E61 user RJ Ledesma. "The nature of these jobs requires me to be constantly mobile. Without [its] messaging features, I would be terribly bogged by downtime if I didn't have constant access to the Internet."

Shoe designer and maker Lila Almario, on the other hand, praised the phone for its ability to run Windows-based applications which help her keep up with work while on the field.

"The available Windows applications which I normally use at the office, like Excel and Word are essential to us now," Almario said. "Power Point is also a great feature since I plan to use the E61 on marketing trips abroad."

According to Nokia country general manager Parikshit Bhasin two things emerged when the firm began considering the requirements of customers in developing this device: "The need for IT departments to have a secure and manageable platform, and the need for devices to support a variety of employee preferences and different working styles."

Nokia believes the phone is one tool that will help bridge the gap between the perceived and actual uses of mobile technology in the workplace.

"This gap in the assessment of mobile technology's importance at large businesses points to the underlying reality that decision makers remain behind the mobility curve, and employees continue to pull them forward," the survey noted.

"The full competitive advantage of employing more advanced mobile technologies continues to be limited by a lack of understanding of the key benefits achievable through the integration of business optimized devices," it added.

Continued strong usage by employees suggests, however, businesses of all sizes are already reaping many of those benefits, and are beginning to recognize the enormous potential of the mobile landscape.

"We understand what mobility means for business," Bhasin said. "Our goal is to make it easy for our customers to choose Nokia devices for all their business mobility needs."

For ISPs, the difference lies in service

By Abigail L. Ho

LOCAL INDEPENDENT INTERNET SERVICE providers (ISPs) have admitted to losing the access war with moneyed telecommunications companies, forcing the small firms to evolve by rolling out more and more value-added services.

William Torres, president of ISP Mozcom Inc., said independent ISPs had moved beyond just providing Internet access to coming out with innovative products and services that subscribers would not get with other connectivity providers.

He added that it was no longer access that was driving the business of independent ISPs, but the other services that they offered on top of simple connectivity.

Which was why, Torres said, independent ISPs continued to stay afloat despite the prevalence of always-on, high-speed Internet access plans via digital subscriber lines (DSL).

"We still have dial-up subscribers," he said. "Maybe it's because of the other things that they get from us. Smaller players like us can more quickly roll out value-added services than our big telco counterparts."

Mozcom last week launched its VCall service, which made calls with parties abroad even cheaper than ordinary national direct dialing (NDD) calls.

VCall uses voice over Internet protocol (VoIP) technology, which breaks down voice into digital packets that are then sent via the Internet, bypassing the public switched telephone network.

For as low as P750 a month, a VCall subscriber will get a unique US number that can be used to receive calls from friends and loved ones all over the world. An individual abroad need only dial that unique US number to reach loved ones in the Philippines.

Differentiating the VCall service from free VoIP services currently being offered by Skype and even Yahoo via its Yahoo Messenger with Voice, Torres said VCall offered the convenience of not having to sit in front of a PC waiting for a call as subscribers can even receive calls through their mobile phones.

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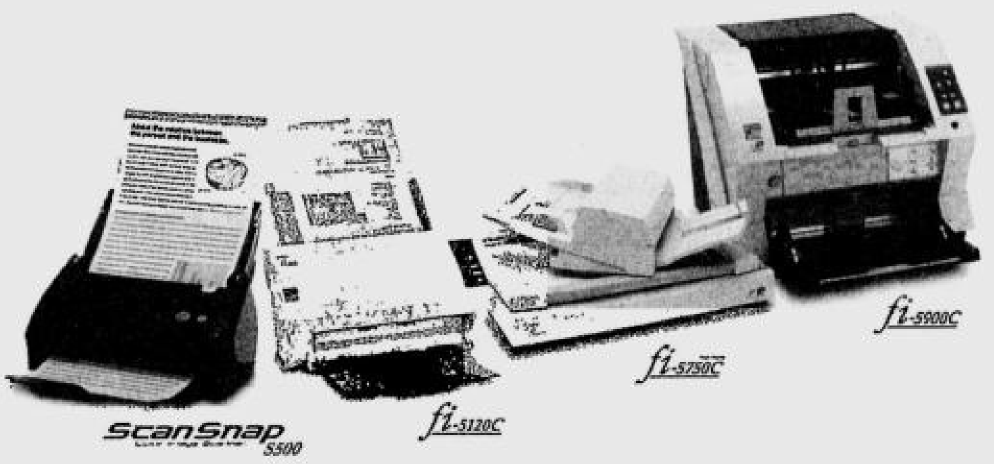

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RP joins Asean roadshow to draw investors

Delegates to update foreign investors on country's gains

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE PHILIPPINES IS SET TO JOIN a regional roadshow to be held by the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) in Hong Kong and Singapore next month to drum up investor interest in the country's portfolio assets.

Finance Undersecretary Roberto Tan on Friday said that the Hong Kong leg, which shall focus on equity investors, will be held on Sept. 14 and the Singapore leg, which will focus on fixed-income investors, will take place on Sept. 16.

"[The roadshow] will provide awareness on the great opportunities in the region," Tan said.

CLSA Asia is arranging the roadshows for Asean members, including Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Vietnam, Cambodia, Myanmar, Laos and Brunei.

Tan said that Finance Secretary Margarito Teves would lead the Philippine delegation that would update investors on the country's macroeconomic gains.

The Singapore roadshow will be conducted ahead of the next International Monetary Fund-World Bank annual meetings, which will be held in Asia for the first time in nine years.

The last time the IMF-World Bank meeting took place in Asia was in 1997 in Hong Kong, right after the Asian currency crisis erupted.

This year, the Philippines will also chair the group of 24 developing countries, which will meet at the sidelines of the IMF-World Bank meeting in Singapore.

Tan said the G-24's discussions would likely cover the impact of global oil price movements, global imbalances and voting rights in the IMF.

Representation in the IMF is in the form of quota, or contribution to the Fund, and voting rights.

Up for discussion during the September meeting is a a new emergency facility being designed by the IMF for emerging markets.

The new instrument was proposed to be made available to member countries with strong macroeconomic policies, sustainable debt and transparent reporting, but which are still facing balance sheet weaknesses.

It proposes access of up to 300 percent of a country's quota—automatically available in a single upfront drawdown and could still be increased upon subsequent review.

Based on this proposal, the Philippines, through this facility, may have access to up to $4 billion in fresh buffer fund if and when a crisis strikes.

The facility aims to complement bilateral and multilateral currency swap deals under the Chiang Mai initiative among Asian countries.

Aboitiz power unit to bid for Masinloc coal plant

By Abigail L. Ho

ABOITIZ EQUITY VENTURES INC. will participate in the new bidding for the 600-megawatt (MW) Masinloc coal-fired power plant, provided that there are attached supply contracts for at least 50-percent of the plant's capacity.

AEV executive vice president and chief operating officer Erramon Aboitiz said 50 percent, or at least 300 MW, of the plant's capacity should have sure offtakers for the company to consider bidding for it.

"We'll see what the terms are for the Masinloc re-bid," Aboitiz said. "If there are some contracts assigned, we may participate. (Supply contracts) should be for a minimum of 50 percent of the capacity."

The Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corp. (PSALM) has decided to re-bid the Masinloc plant, following the termination of its asset purchase agreement with the previous winning bidder YNN Pacific Consortium Inc.

PSALM president Nieves Osorio had earlier said that the generation facility would again be offered to interested investors through a public bidding.

But the agency tasked to privatize the National Power Corp.'s generation and transmission assets has yet to set a concrete schedule for the auction.

"We have to make sure that favorable conditions are in place as we must have enough bidders to ensure that government will get competitive offers," Osorio said.

"Considering the recent experience, investors need to be assured of a market for Masinloc's power output. Aside from power sales contracts, the wholesale electricity spot market, which is now operating, provides a market-driven venue through which generators can sell the electricity they produce."

By the time PSALM places the Masinloc plant on the auction block again, the electricity bourse will have already established a "favorable track record," Osorio added.

PSALM's asset purchase agreement with YNN was formally terminated last Aug. 6. The group forfeited its $227-million down payment for the plant.

Local shipping firms shift from passengers to cargo

FALLING AIRFARES AND RISING fuel prices are now taking its toll on Philippine shipping firms, which are starting to see fewer passengers boarding their vessels.

The Aboitiz group, which runs the country's biggest shipping company, Aboitiz Transport System Corp. (ATS), has decided to trim its passenger capacity and increase its cargo shipping business.

Aboitiz Equity Ventures Inc. executive vice president and chief operating officer Erramon Aboitiz said ATS would like to sell or reduce vessels that rely more on passenger load.

"We're still cash flow positive, but the fuel costs are killing us," Aboitiz said.

Stiff competition from budget airlines since last year has also forced ATS to likewise lower its ticket prices and offer big promotions.

Now, ATS is pilot-testing a strategy to trim its passenger load and offer more cargo space instead.

"We got rid of one vessel, leased it abroad, and then we chartered another vessel, (which has space) purely for cargo," Aboitiz said. "The other vessel has both passenger and cargo. We're going to try this one and see how it goes. It's called 2go1."

The new vessel arrived two weeks ago and will start operations early September.

The Aboitiz's shipping unit, which operates about 15 superferries that offer both passenger and cargo space, used to generate half of its business from passenger load and an equal share from cargo.

"Now, I think cargo (load has increased) a little bit more," he said.

Increasing the cargo business, Aboitiz explained, was a way to lower costs as a pure freighter would consume half the fuel requirements of a superferry used to transport both passengers and cargo.

Asked whether ATS would add more cargo ships to its fleet, Aboitiz said: "We'll do that, but at the same time we want to sell or reduce our passenger (ferries)."

Also, as part of its cost-saving strategy, ATS has phased out fast ferries, like the Supercat, which went over 30 knots, even in inter-island transport. *Doris C. Dumlao*

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Bangko Sentral Ng Pilipinas (BSP), through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), invites suppliers/manufacturers/distributors to apply for eligibility and to bid for the hereunder project:

Name of Project/Brief Description	**Supply of Services thru outsourcing of thirty-seven (37) Plant Workers**
Approved Budget for the Contract	P2,553,000.00
Contract Duration	6 months upon execution of contract

Prospective bidders should have undertaken a similar project within the last two (2) years with an amount of at least 50% of the Approved Budget for the Contract. The Eligibility Check/Screening as well as the Preliminary Examination of Bids shall use non-discretionary "pass/fail" criteria. Post-qualification of the lowest calculated bid shall be conducted.

All particulars relative to Eligibility Statement and Screening, Bid Security, Performance Security, Pre-Bidding Conference(s), Evaluation of Bids, Post-Qualification and Award of Contract shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of R.A. No. 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).

The complete schedule of activities is listed, as follows:

Activities	Schedule
1. Issuance of Bid Documents	August 28, 2006 to Sept. 14, 2006
2. Pre-bid Conference	September 15, 2006 at 9:30 a.m.
3. Opening of Bids	October 3, 2006 - 2:00 p.m.
4. Bid Evaluation	These shall be in accordance with the prescribed periods allowed in the Implementing Rules & Regulations (IRR)-A of R.A. No. 9184 dated 10 January 2003.
5. Post-qualification	
6. Notice of Award	

Bid Documents will be available only to prospective bidders upon payment of a non-refundable amount of P1,300.00 to the BSP Cashier.

The BSP assumes no responsibility whatsoever to compensate or indemnify bidders for any expenses incurred in the preparation of the bid.

The BSP reserves the right to reject any and all bid proposals, or declare the bidding a failure, or not award the contract, and makes no assurance that a contract shall be entered into as a result of this invitation.

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LTO orders closure of 2 emission testing centers

THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) HAS ordered the closure of two private emission testing centers in Metro Manila which were allegedly found illegal. DOTC Asst. Secretary Anneli Lontoc and LTO NCR Director Reynaldo Berroya identified these two firms as the Wealth Emission Test Center in Tenejeros, Malabon and the Sodesne Private Emission Testing Center in Barrio Kapitolyo, Pasig.Berroya, who ordered the release of cease and desist order on the two firms, said that the two centers violated the criteria and condition for acceditation based on DTI DOTC JAO no.1 series 2001 and DTI DAO no.3 series no.2. An on-site inspection conducted by the LTO showed that the private firm in Malabon allegedly operated without authorization since Dec. 9, 2005. On the other hand, the private company in Pasig expired its permit to operate since July 11, 2006 but continued. DOTC Undersecretary for Land Transportation Ricardo Alfonso said that the Wealth Emission Center is only allowed to operate from July 1, 2003 to July 1,2004. He added that the firm is ISO compliant until June 30, 2006 and has no certificate of acceditation from the LTO. Based on the memorandum of the LTO authorization committee issued last May 25, 2006, the two firms should cease to operate because they have no authorization from the LTO to do so. Under the DOTC order No. 2004-1, private emission test centers which plan to continue to opetare must renew their permit three months before they expire. Earlier, Lontoc warned illegal private emission testing centers in the country. The LTO officials said that the days of fly-by-night emission centers are numbered with the pending implementation of the interconnectivity program.

OBITUARIES

JULIO RIVERA DONES

(Kapitan Julie)

Has peacefully joined our Creator
on August 23, 2006 at the age of 60.

His loving wife **Tessie**; and children **Gary** & **Syd**, **Alexis** & **Vina**, **Maricor** & **Vinson**; his grandchildren and other relatives request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at Daang Amaya II, Tanza, Cavite.

Interment will take place on Wednesday, August 30, 2006 after the 3:00 p.m. Mass at Holy Cross Parish Church.

Alvarez Funeral Home

Message of Thanks

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MA. REGINA VICTORIA DE GOROSTIZA VIVAR

*Who peacefully joined our Lord and her mother **Isabelita G. Vivar***
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OBITUARIES

In Loving Memory

on his 13th Death Anniversary of

ROQUE "tete" VANO ESCANO

of Malitbog, Leyte & Cagayan de Oro

Who died in the Grace of our Lord on August 28, 1993.

Holy Masses will be offered today, Monday, August 28, 2006 at the following churches:

Greenhills Memorial Park	4:00 p.m.
San Vicente Ferrer, Cugman	6:00 a.m.
San Isidro Labrador, Gusa	6:00 a.m.
Our Lady of Fatima, Camaman-an	6:00 a.m.
Sacred Heart Parish, Recto Avenue	5:30 p.m.
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Carmen	6:00 a.m.
St. Augustine Cathedral	5:30 p.m.
San Antonio de Padua, Nazareth	6:00 a.m.
Sto. Niño Parish, Cogon	6:00 a.m.
Immaculate Conception, Bulua	6:00 a.m.
Carmelite Monastery, Camaman-an	6:00 a.m.
Carmelite Monastery, Bukidnon	6:00 a.m.

The RIA (Roque, Isidro, Asuncion) HOJAS ESCAÑO FOUNDATION, INC. Board of Trustees, Officers, and staff, relatives and friends request the pious readers to remember ROQUE in their prayers.

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INVITATION TO BID

Sancerre Corporation will receive sealed bids on September 8, 2006, 2:00 p.m. at its office at the 27th/F, IBM Plaza, Eastwood City Cyberpark, Bagumbayan, Quezon City for the condominium units at **Olympic Heights, Tower II, Eastwood City Cyberpark, Bagumbayan, Quezon City** as follows:

Unit No.	Description	Area	Minimum Bid Price
22C	3 Bedroom Unit	77 sq.mtrs.	P4,204.200
22D	3 Bedroom Unit	77 sq.mtrs.	P4,204.200
23E	3 Bedroom Unit	77 sq.mtrs.	P4,235,000
23F	3 Bedroom Unit	77 sq.mtrs.	P4,235,000
26A	3 Bedroom Unit	77 sq.mtrs.	P4,327,400
26F	3 Bedroom Unit	77 sq.mtrs.	P4,327,400
28E	2 Bedroom Unit	77 sq.mtrs.	P4,389,000
28D	3 Bedroom Unit	77 sq.mtrs.	P4,389,000
B2-59	Single Parking Unit		P485,000
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B2-67	Single Parking Unit		P485,000
B2-80	Single Parking Unit		P485,000
B2-147	Single Parking Unit		P485,000

BID TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. All bidders shall be required to submit together with their sealed bid, a bid deposit equivalent to 10% of bid price via a cashier's check or manager's check.
2. For installment sale, maximum terms is five (5) years at 14% interest rate. To qualify for installment sale, 35% downpayment is required.
3. Sancerre Corp. reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any formalities and accept only the most advantageous to Sancerre Corp. or opt to negotiate with any prospective buyer. The decision of Sancerre Corp. is final and binding.
4. For interested buyers, you may secure bid documents at Sancerre Corporation, 27th/F, IBM Plaza, Eastwood City Cyberpark, Bagumbayan, Quezon City. For inspection of the condominium units kindly call Vicky or Grace at 421-7189.
5. Sealed bids must be submitted to the Asset Management Group, Sancerre Corporation, 27th/F, IBM Plaza, Eastwood City Cyberpark, Bagumbayan, Quezon City.
6. Deadline for submission of sealed bids is on September 8, 2006 at 2pm. Kindly be on time. No bids will be accepted once unsealing of the bids commences. The sale shall be subject to other terms and conditions which may be imposed by Sancerre Corporation.

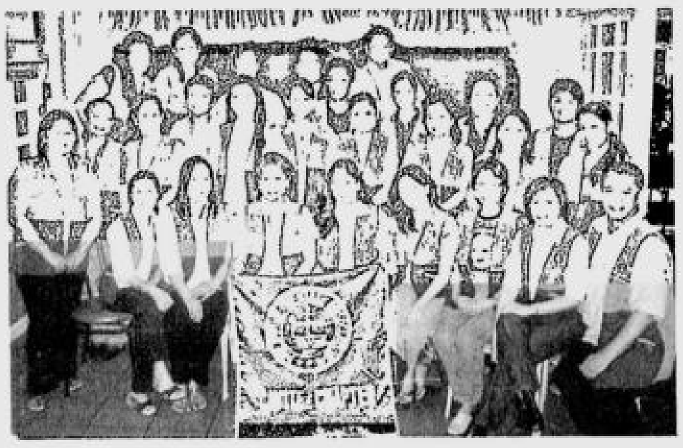
(PDI – Aug. 28 & 29, 2006)

Notice is hereby given to the public that the above persons – **TEDDY L. GALAGATA, JR., SHERWIN A. MACUTAY, RITCHELL TINAMPAY-FELICISIMO, EDELYN M. SANCHEZ, JOEL R. JOSE, MICHAEL T. SUMAGAYSAY**, are no longer connected with AMERICAN HEARING CENTER CORP. (AMEARCO) effective July 20, 2006. Any transaction entered into by them in our behalf will not be honored.

(PDI–August 28, 2006)

MEMBERS FROM LEBANON GET CLAIMS PROCEEDS FROM PAG-IBIG FUND

Pag-IBIG members Marciana Soriano and Josefina Lapeña who recently returned to the country because of the war in Lebanon proudly show off their checks representing their claims proceeds. Both members have been working in Lebanon for over 12 years when the war broke out. Vice President Noli "Kabayan" de Castro, concurrent Chairman of the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council and the Pag-IBIG Fund Board of Trustees, earlier announced that affected members working in Lebanon who are registered under the Pag-IBIG Overseas Program (POP) will be allowed to withdraw their savings even prior to membership maturity because of work displacement. Also in photo is lawyer Romero Quimbo, president and CEO, Pag-IBIG Fund.



CAVITE DENTAL CHAPTER'S 2ND SCIENTIFIC SEMINAR

The Philippine Dental Assoication's Cavite Chapter, in cooperation with United Laboratories, Inc.will hold its Second Scientific Seminar "Holistic Approach to Enhance Dental Services" on Friday, Aug. 25 at Leslie's Forest Garden Restaurant Sta. Rosa II, CEPZA Road Diversion, Noveleta, Cavite. The officers and members are (seated from left) Drs. Nelia Corteza, Eden Espares, Coney G. Sumulong (President), Carina Veluz, Rowena Del Mundo, Laarni Serraon, Cecile Kamantigue, and Basilio Niño. Second from left: Drs. Apple Jovellano, Marylou Escaño, Evelyn Bernal, Emily Nonescan, Rose Nolasco, Melanie Vicente, Katherine Taruc, Carites Dominguez, Ester Paredes, Gemma Pascual, Gina Riguerra, Solidad Dela Torre and Ahleen De Leon. Third row from left: Drs. Ellen Lee, Paz Bonafe, Addi Flores, Camilus Libron, Raymond Mendoza and Roland De Leon. For inquries, please call (046) 572-0190, (046) 477-3633, (046) 517-3644, & (046) 517-1783.

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INVITATION FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID
for the
INTEGRATED TREASURY SYSTEM (ITS) PROJECT

The Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) is conducting a two-stage public bidding procedure for the procurement of an **Integrated Treasury System (ITS)**.

The primary purpose of this turn-key project is the acquisition of a fully integrated, Straight-Through Processing (STP), Real-time and "commercial-off-the-shelf" ITS solution for Front, Middle and Back Office which includes the following components:

- Software application, licenses and other software components (DBMS; APIs; connectors; middlewares; etc.)
- Web-based and Internet enabled for remote access by Branches
- Various technical tools

The proposed system should be compliant to IFRS (IAS39) and Basel II among others and be capable to interface with various external systems (Bloomberg, Reuters, SWIFT, etc.) and internal systems (e.g. Deposits, Financial Management System, Data Warehouse, etc.). The proposed solution should also be compatible with the LBP Database Architecture and Operating System.

To ensure the highest degree of fit of the ITS solution to the Bank's requirements, and to effectively manage change, the project scope likewise covers all the requisite software customizations, as well as change management activities like change management planning and communication, the review of ***"As Is"*** processess, business process simplification and improvement, the documentation and training on the ***"To Be"*** processess, organizational change assessment, and assistance in the implementation of the required organizational and process changes.

The project must take into account all related implementation activities and process such as data conversion, systems integration, project management, system development lifecycle, change management, technology transfer (training and documentation), and maintenance and support. Likewise, the solution provider is expected to conduct a post-implementation review at least ninety (90) days, but not to exceed one hundred twenty (120) days, after the system has been implemented in Production, to assess the project performance and the effectiveness of the system.

This is a procurement for **Consulting Services and subject to Public Bidding and Quality-Cost Based Evaluation (85% Technical and 15% Financial)**.

Interested parties may secure the Eligibility and Short-listing Requirements, **upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Nine Thousand Pesos (P9,000.00) and upon signing of a Confidentiality Agreement**, from **28 August** to **08 September 2006**, during regular office hours (between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.), from:

THE SECRETARIAT
Information Technology - Bids and Awards Committee (IT-BAC)
LAND BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES
16th Floor, LANDBANK Plaza
M.H. del Pilar corner J. Quintos Streets, Malate, 1004 Manila, Philippines
Telephone : +63 2 405-7123,
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Contact Person : Alan V. Bornas
Head - Technology Management Group
Email Address : itbac@mail.landbank.com

The Letter of Intent, the accomplished Evaluation Forms for short-listing (List of Projects, Project Team Information, and Major Requirements Checklist) and the rest of the Eligibility Requirements must be submitted by hand on **11 September 2006, 3:00 p.m.**, to the aforementioned address. Only parties who pass the Eligibility Check shall be considered for short-listing.

The IT-BAC shall draw up a short-list of firms from those who have been determined as eligible, and the number of short-listed firms shall not exceed three (3), in accordance with the following criteria:

- Vendor Experience, Expertise and Capability
- Project Team Qualifications
- Financial Stability
- Support Service Location

The short-listed bidders, upon receipt of formal notice, may secure the Bidding Documents (e.g. Request For Proposal, etc.) from **03 to 05 October 2006**. For all qualified parties, the Pre-Bid Conference shall be held on **06 October 2006 (Friday), 10:00 a.m.**, at the aforementioned address.

The Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) is **Forty Five Million Pesos (PHP 45,000,000.00), inclusive of all taxes,** which shall be sourced from the funds of LBP. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at the opening of the financial proposals.

LBP reserves the right to waive any formality in the responses to the Eligibility requirements and to this invitation. LBP further reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, or declare a failure of bidding, or not award the contract, and makes no assurance that a contract shall be entered into as a result of this invitation, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.

(Sgd.) NENITA H. VERAN
SVP/Vice Chairman, IT-BAC

(PDI – Aug. 28 & Sept. 4, 2006)

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INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND BID

Hedcor, Inc., Bids and Awards Committee ("Committee") invites interested parties to pre-qualify and bid for any or all of the Civil Works Package of the Sibulan Hydro Power Project specifically:

Civil works package 1 (CWP1) - for the supply and construction of all civil structures in Plants A and B including among others, access roads, bridges, intake weirs, headponds, powerhouse and yard, power sub-station, anchor blocks for pipe conveyance and penstock, temporary skylines, and temporary facilities;

Civil works package 2 (CWP2) - for the supply and installation of all main and tributary pipe conveyance and penstock in Plants A and B including among others, all pipe accessories such as air valves, drain valves, expansion joints, steel pipe bridges, external and internal pipe coatings and temporary facilities;

Civil works package 3 (CWP3) – for the supply and contruction of an inverted U cross section tunnels in Plants A and B including among others, portal preparation and stabilization, tunnel excavation, temporary tunnel supports, final tunnel lining, spoil disposal and temporary facilities.

The Sibulan Hydro Power Project is a 42.5MW hydroelectric plants to be constructed in Sta. Cruz, Davao Del Sur. The project is being developed by Hedcor, Inc., a competitive energy company producing and selling clean and renewable energy through the development and efficient management of hydropower plants. It operates 19 generating facilities in Benguet and Davao with total installed capacity of 113 MW. Hedcor, Inc is a subsidiary of Aboitiz Equity Ventures.

Interested parties are required to submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) to Hedcor, Inc. and attach the latest Company Profile, Capability Statement and Audited Financial Statement for the last 3 years. The LOI shall state the full name, address, telephone and fax number/s of the interested party, name of principal contact, and must be signed by an authorized representative. All LOIs must be received by Hedcor, Inc at 6th Floor, 110 Legazpi St., Legaspi Village, Makati, Metro Manila, not later than September 10, 2006.

Further instructions shall be given to the interested parties that submitted the LOI.

The Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any interested party or potential bidders without offering any reason whatsoever. It does not assume any obligation to compensate or indemnify any party for any expense or loss that they may incur as a result of this invitation.

(Sgd.) **Rene B. Ronquillo**
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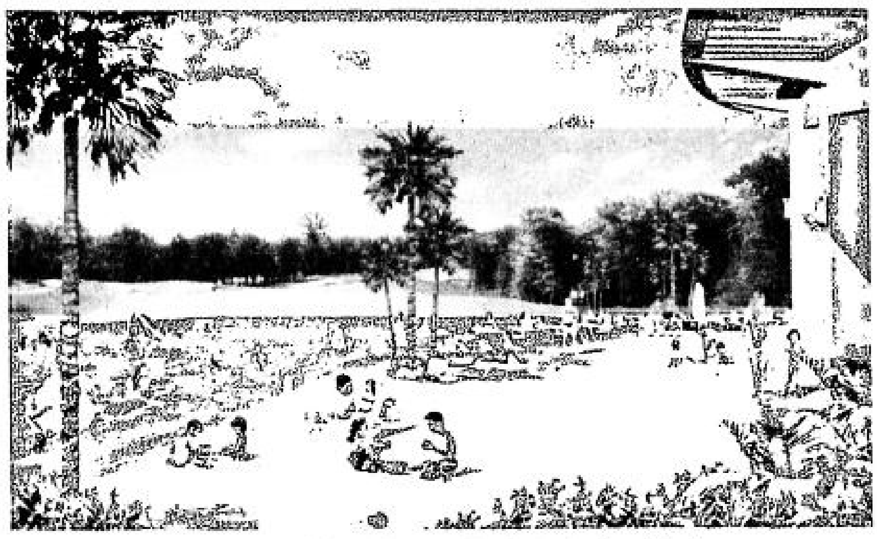

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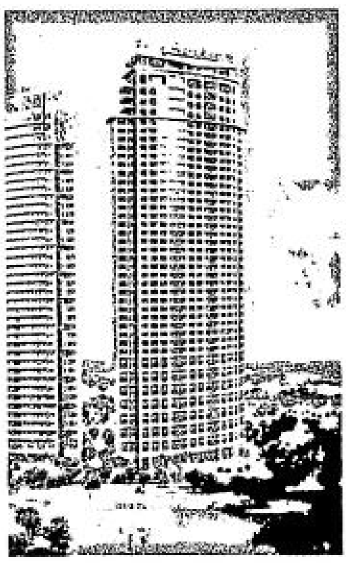

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Learn the 4 Cs in medical tourism

Clustering, chaining, converging and turning into community

By Eduardo A. Morato
Professor, Asian Institute of Management

CROSS-BORDER HEALTH AND wellness services or medical tourism can be clustered into four distinct domains that are interconnected by the provision of professional medical and therapeutic care.

These four domains include: (1) full hospital care and treatment; (2) specialty clinics (e.g. eye, dental and cosmetic services); (3) wellness and spa centers, and; (4) retirement and long-term care for the elderly.

The primary motivations for cross-border health seekers are the high medical costs in their home countries, long queuing times for elective surgeries and the attraction of add-on tourist and therapeutic wellness packages. These packages might include air travel, hotel or resort accommodations, recuperation and rehabilitation programs, site seeing and cross cultural experiences.

According to Michael Porter of Harvard, clusters are "geographic concentrations of interconnected companies, specialized suppliers, service providers, firms in related industries, and associated institutions in particular fields that compete but also cooperate." Clusters promote continuous improvements in customer servicing as competitors try to outdo one another. They also upgrade technologies adopted, production systems used, suppliers' quality, and manpower competencies. Sooner or later, clusters cooperate to share common service facilities, professional expertise, labor pools, suppliers for discounted bulk purchases and information bases.

There are obvious health and wellness clusters in the Philippines. For hospitals, there is the concentration of specialized government and private hospitals in East Avenue. This stretches all the way to E. Rodriguez in Quezon City. Here, one can find hospitals geared primarily for heart, kidney, lung, tuberculosis, children's, and maternity care and treatment as well as some of the best general purpose private hospitals.

South of Metro Manila,,another cluster is developing comprised of St. Luke's at Fort Bonifacio, Cardinal Santos in San Juan, Medical City in Pasig, Makati Medical Center and Asian Hospital in Muntinlupa. Although more spaced out from one another, they serve the more affluent customers living in the environs of Edsa and South Expressway. Specialty eye, dental and cosmetic clinics also thrive robustly in this lucrative stretch. So do wellness and therapeutic centers.

Spas likewise abound in more distant resort clusters. Unfortunately, these health and wellness establishments have not yet embarked on full-scale cooperation and integration programs. Hopefully, the initiative of the Philippine government to promote and develop medical tourism will galvanize them into more cooperative action. Investors in the retirement and elderly care sectors should position themselves strategically to take advantage of this clustering effect.

Clusters spawn participants in and complete the supply and market chains of geographically concentrated industries. At the back end of the supply chain are the agriculture, real estate and education sectors. From agriculture, two vital products emerge: food and therapeutic oils and balms. Food for the health and wellness cluster range from the common diet to organic food, medicinal herbs and tonics. Food is brought to the cluster via logistics and distribution intermediaries.

From the real estate sector, there are architectural and engineering firms, project developers and construction companies, financing and marketing arms, including banks and investing institutions. They build hospitals, clinics, resorts, restaurants, retirement homes, and spas. Finally, from the education and training sector comes the professional health workers which include doctors, nurses, therapists, medical technologists, nutritionists, caregivers, managers, supervisors, cooks, waiters, housekeepers, etc. Three industries directly serve the cluster at the middle end of the supply chain. These are the IT-enabled services sector, the suppliers of equipment and materials and the travel and tourism middlemen.

With the health and wellness cluster at center stage, it is linked to the market chain by air and

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Whatever it takes: Keys to unlocking a can-do attitude

A FAINT BUT DISCERNABLE DIVIDING LINE separates achievers from dreamers. At first glance this line may be difficult to distinguish. You may be tricked into believing that talents, titles, or resources draw the line between the doers and dreamers. However, if you spent a significant length of time with a group of leaders, the line splitting the achievers from the dreamers would become crystal clear.

A LEADER'S WAY

John C. Maxwell

What makes the difference? Attitude. Achievers have a can-do attitude that sets them apart from mere dreamers. Achievers are sold out to success—no matter the obstacles—and they are willing to put forth the effort and pay the price of success.

In my days observing leaders, I have identified four main groups.

Cop-outs

These people set no goals and make no decisions.

Holdouts

These people have beautiful dreams, but they are afraid to respond to challenges because they lack the self-confidence to overcome difficulties.

Dropouts

These individuals clearly define their goals, and, in the beginning, they work hard to make their dreams come true. However, when the going gets tough, they quit.

All-Outs

These are the stars. They want to shine out as an inspiration to others. Once all-outs have set their goals, they never quit. Even when the price gets high and the challenges mount, they're dedicated. Their can-do attitudes carry them to greatness.

Here are 10 keys to cultivating a can-do attitude.

Key 1: Disown your helplessness

Can-do people aggressively pursue solutions, and, in the process, uncover creative solutions others never even try to find. Can-do leaders take responsibility for the future, whereas lesser leaders blame circumstances or other people when facing roadblocks. Rather than wallowing in helplessness, can-do leaders search diligently to overcome the obstacles in front of them.

Key 2: Take the bull by the horns.

Can-do people are fearless. They go straight to the source of their solution. Their very effort commands attention as they wrestle a problem to the ground with expediency. I have discovered that people with a can-do attitude have an aggressiveness about them. They take the bull

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WHENEVER THE PESO APPRECIATES in value relative to the dollar the government takes credit and rejoices about its economic performance, those of us who have a preference for buying imported goods likewise rejoice. They will be able to buy more items from Paris, London, Hong Kong, the USA and China at lower prices.

But exporters complain that their profits will be wiped out and eventually their foreign markets will be lost. Right after the war, the Philippines was one of the most advanced countries in Asia. I still remember that my uncle's had "amahs" (maids) from Hong Kong taking care of their children.

Our per capita GDP in 1950 and 1960 was higher than that of Korea, Thailand, Taiwan and China. *(See table below)*

By 2004 we were way behind Korea, Thailand, and Taiwan. How this happened, Rey Angeles explains in a very interesting little book "The Peso Exchange Rate: Why we are Poor?" Angeles is not a professional economist. He is an entrepreneur and a manager. His objectivity and passion are explained by the fact that in business, he is both an importer and exporter. He uses extensive economic data to explain how other countries developed their economies rapidly by managing their exchange rate.

In his book Mr. Angeles shows that countries that have undervalued their currencies, like China, South Korea, Taiwan, and Thailand have performed much better than the Philippines, which has overvalued the peso for decades.

Our political leaders, economists, and the upper and middle classes favor a strong peso because:

1. For upper and middle class consumers a strong peso enables them to buy attractive imported goods at lower prices
2. For distributors and retailers lower cost of imported goods enables them to expand their markets and profits
3. For businessmen in high capital and high import content industries a strong peso enables them to build factories and buy raw materials at lower prices
4. For the very rich who can afford travel, buying foreign real estate, and foreign education a strong peso makes these more affordable
5. For government officials and bankers a strong peso makes them feel that they have done a good job
6. To the nationalist in each of us it feels good that our peso can get good value in foreign markets.

But an overvalued peso has its downside:

1. Local manufacturers face stiff competition from cheap imported products,
2. Exporters have a tough time exporting their products because their costs force them to have higher foreign currency prices because of the overvalued peso,
3. Our tourist industry has a hard time competing with other destinations because we are not dollar competitive
4. Farmers are dismayed that imported (and sometimes smuggled) rice and sugar from other countries can sell at lower prices
5. The country chronically faces foreign exchange deficits

Our governments (politicians, economists, and central bankers) have not failed to address the problems caused by the overvalued peso.

But the measures they have taken have not generated the desired effects. With the exchange rate set P2 to $1 in 1946 by the Bell Trade Act, the peso was definitely overvalued. This resulted in an alarming foreign exchange imbalance.

Instead of devaluing the peso, the government decided to impose foreign exchange controls in December 9, 1949.

Limited foreign exchange was rationed to favored industries and importers. Exporters were made to surrender their export proceeds to the Central Bank.

Many people who were able to get foreign exchange allocations got rich. Exporters resorted to undervaluing their exports in order to get dollar payments, which they could sell in the black market.

One of the long lasting ill effects of the exchange control solution is that it diverted entrepreneurial talent from how to market and produce effectively and efficiently into how to obtain dollar allocations and how to undervalue exports and obtain payments abroad.

Due to the rules we imposed, we tempted and developed a generation of crooked businessmen and government officials.

Devaluation would have been a simpler, fairer and better solution.

Realizing that exchange controls alone would not suffice the government devised a program to build import substitution industries.

These new industries had the benefit of dollar allocations and tariff protection.

Unfortunately the preferences given were so large that many industries were put up that did not really have a significant contribution to the economy; and could not survive in a level playing field.

This is the reason why many "beauty parlor" industries were born. They had heavy import dependence, they had very little added value, and their profitability depended on foreign exchange preferences and prohibitive duties and taxes on competing imported products.

Consumers had to buy inferior locally "manufactured" products at a high price or even pay a higher price for imported products.

A lot of brilliant economists in government wasted their time making the wrong decisions on what industries to promote and develop.

An earlier and more aggressive devaluation of the peso would have provided a level playing field where entrepreneurs and managers could have made better choices on what businesses to get into, build import substitution industries while at the same time starting to develop an export industry.

The Philippines would have been much better off if it did not overvalue the peso and it did not have extremely high tariffs to prop up uneconomic industries.

We could have developed strong import substitution and export industries. Without high tariffs consumer goods would have actually been lower.

Businessmen would make money through local production rather than rampant smuggling. There would have been greater local employment opportunities. Less Filipinos would have to go abroad as OFWs.

The folly of our government policies through the last 50 years is very clearly shown by the death of our manufacturing industries as a result in reduction in tariffs.

Due to our failure to create jobs. We have had a mass exodus of talent to work abroad. Fortunately because of Filipino sense of family or the fact that they work in countries that their families would not want to live in they remit a lot of dollars back home.

The other savior of the Philippine economy has been the rapid growth of the outsourcing industry.

As a result the peso has been appreciating in value. Definitely hurting export manufacturing, agriculture, and tourism.

Rey Angeles' thesis is that the Philippines has been left behind because we have overvalued the peso.

However, if one also charted the corruption index of countries that have left us behind one will notice that they have done a much better job at fighting corruption in high levels.

Korea has been very quick in charging and convicting ex-presidents for corruption and fraud. Thailand quickly jailed three election commissioners for fraud in the elections early this year.

Perhaps it's a combination of the overvalued peso and our rising corruption in high places that has stunted our development.

Between 2000 and 2005 the GDP growth of selected countries has been: Philippines 114 percent; Indonesia 153 percent; Thailand 130 percent; Malaysia 133 percent; China 171 percent, and India 149 percent.

Will we ever catch up and regain our position as one of the most developed countries in Asia?

The answer depends on whether we will get political leaders with the political will to change us from a country of poor buyers and consumers of imported products to a country of rich producers and exporters of products by using the exchange rate as a development weapon not just as a thermometer.

The article reflects the personal opinion of the author. The author is President of Systems Sciences Consult, Inc. Feedback at map@globenet.com.ph

	Philippines	Korea	Thailand	Taiwan	China
1950	$175	-	$52	$146	-
1960	$257	$154	$96	$156	-
1985	$552	$2,369	$751	$3,215	$288
2005	$1,111	$16,493	$2,563	$14,447	$1462

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by the horns. When they enter into the arena of action, they don't wait, they initiate.

Key 3: Enter the no whining zone.

Can-do people abstain from complaining. They recognize its futility and guard their minds and mouths against indulging in this time-wasting activity. As George Washington Carver observed, "Ninety-nine percent of failures come from people who have a habit of making excuses."

Key 4: Put on another's pair of shoes.

Can-do people empathize with others. They attempt to see any predicament from the other person's perspective in order to make the best decisions. In my book Winning with People, one of the 25 People Principles is the Exchange Principle, which says that instead of putting others in their place, we must put ourselves in their place.

Leaders see the world from their perspective and others' perspectives. They use their own perspective to give direction, and they use others' perspectives to forge relational connection. Both direction and connection are indispensable to taking the team on a successful journey.

Key 5: Nurture your passion.

Can-do people are immune to burnout. They love what they do because they've learned how to fuel the fire that keeps them moving. In leadership, the prize is not given to the person who's the smartest, nor to the person with the advantages in resources and position, but the prize goes to the person with passion.

Key 6: Walk the second mile.

Can-do people exceed expectations. While others settle for an acceptable solution, they aren't satisfied until they have achieved the unimagined. They set expectations for themselves higher than what is dictated by the people or situations around them.

Key 7: Quit stewing and start doing.

Can-do people take action. While others are crippled by worry, fear and anxiety, they have the fortitude to press forward. The perfect moment when all is safe and assured may never arrive, so why wait for it? Can-do leaders take risks.

Key 8: Go with the flow.

Can-do people can adjust to change. They don't get caught griping about an unexpected curve in the road. They accept transition with an optimistic outlook. They realize it's less important what happens TO them, than it is what happens IN them.

Key 9: Follow through to the end.

Can-do people not only initiate, they finish. They are self-starters with the capacity to close the deal.

Key 10: Expect a return as a result of your commitment.

If you make an all out commitment with a can-do attitude, expect a return. Passionate commitment is contagious, and resources follow resolve. Committed leaders will reap rewards and find open doors as others are drawn to the excitement and energy emanating from them.

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Education crisis to hit RP economy, execs warn

By Daxim L. Lucas

THE PHILIPPINE LOCAL EDUCATION system is in a crisis that threatens the long-term viability of the local economy.

Thus said some of the leading lights of the business community who have banded together to help arrest what they believe is a "downward spiral" in the quality of education in the country.

In a press briefing recently, business leaders noted with alarm recent statistics which showed the steady decline of Philippine education, especially at the primary and secondary levels.

Phinma president Ramon R. del Rosario Jr., and a founding director of the group called Philippine Business for Education (PBEd), explained that the poor quality of education received by many Filipinos will erode the abilities and skills of local workers.

This, in turn, will eventually cap the competitiveness of local businesses in an increasingly globalized and competitive world.

"The quality of the people [graduating from college and entering the workforce] is a major problem," he said. "This is especially important because all our brightest talents are going abroad."

The group presented a compelling case for action, outlining statistics that supported their claims of an education crisis.

According to PBEd, there is an estimated shortage of 42,000 teachers and four million desks and chairs nationwide, mainly in the public education system.

Alarmingly, over 97 percent of high school students failed the latest edition of the National Achievement Tests.

PBEd founding director Jose L. Cuisia Jr. pointed out that the share of the education sector as a percentage of the national budget has been declining, even if it has been increasing in absolute peso terms.

Cuisia also pointed out that more and more state colleges and universities are created each year with little regard for the quality of education—an ill-conceived policy that leads to inefficiencies and waste.

PBEd officials also noted that "there continues to be a mismatch between the demands of the employment market and the supply of graduates."

Cuisia, a former central bank governor and currently the president and CEO of Philamlife, said the country is even poorly positioned to capitalize on the global boom in the business process outsourcing (BPO) industry, despite her oft-touted advantage with English proficiency.

"The [BPO] industry will need about 90,000 workers over the next two years," he said. "But the acceptance rate [for applicants] is only 2 percent."

To fill this 90,000-employee requirement, BPO firms would have to interview about 4.5 million applicants, given the two-percent acceptance rate.

PBEd founding director and Araullo University president Chito B. Salazar outlined what the business community planned to do to: Advocate reforms that will make every school continuously perform better; get all teachers to continuously improve their teaching practices; adopt a 12-year cycle for formal basic education; continue the enrichment of curriculum development in the context of pillars of new functional literacy; and to provide public funding for the country-wide attainment of goals.

Other members of the PBEd founding board include Magdaleno B. Albarracin Jr., Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala II, Paul G. Dominguez, Oscar J. Hilado, Monico V. Jacob, Oscar M.Lopez, Warner Manning, Placido Mapa Jr., Aurelio M. Montinola III, Rizalino S. Navarro, Manuel V. Pangilinan, Washington Z. Sycip, Tony Tan Caktiong and George T. Yang.

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land transport companies, international health and wellness service syndicators and safety and security enforcers.

Connecting these connectors to the final customers are information intermediaries (digital, advertising and promotions units) and the all-important health maintenance organizations, national health insurance and social security systems. They bring the global health and wellness seekers to their desired destinations.

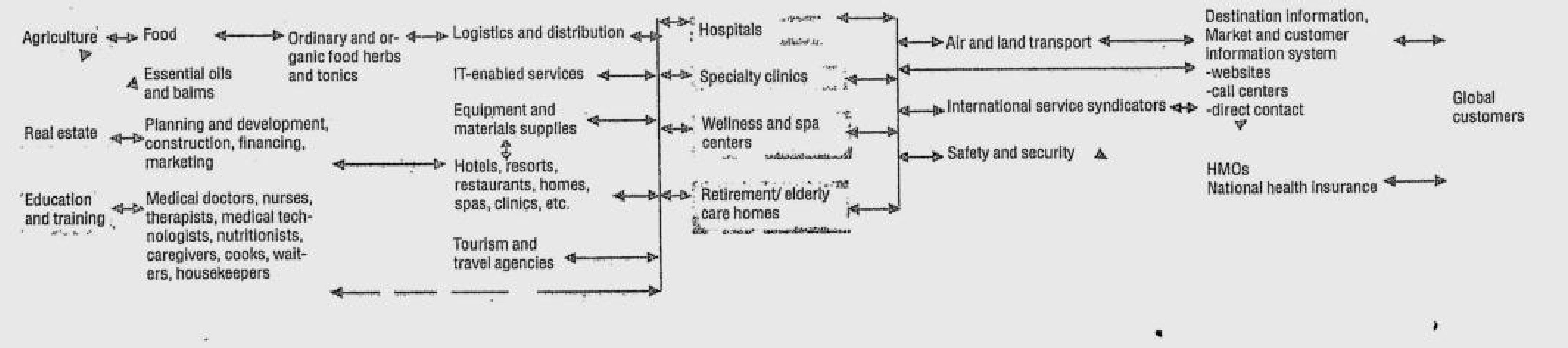
The tight interlinking of the cluster with the supply and market chains accelerate the convergence efforts of public and private institutions all the way from the back end of the supply chain to the final customers. They are composed of government agencies with specific mandates, industry associations, service networks and the like. For example, at the back end, one will find interventions from the Departments of Agriculture, Public Works and Highways, the Commission for Higher Education and the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority. At the front end, the Departments of Foreign Affairs, of Trade and Industry and of Tourism converge to entice global customers. At the middle, one would find the most concentrated convergence of both public and private institutions.

Finally, the clustering, chaining and converging phenomenon creates communities of product and service providers who join hands to make available all the critical requirements of the entire health and wellness universe. "Communitizing" these providers allow for quality standards, volume deliveries and even cost containment since it would be more expensive to avail of their products and services from large corporations and high-overhead institutions. At the back end, farmers can be "communitized" for the production of organic food. In between, therapists, cooks, waiters, caregivers, taxi operators, and even medical doctors can be "communitized." At the front end, the obvious community is composed of long term care customers (elderly patients with chronic conditions) and retirees seeking each other's companionship for recreation activities.

A complete model for Clustering, Chaining, Converging and Community in Cross Border Health and Wellness Services is shown in the accompanying diagram.

If the Philippine government and industry associations desire to be a major global participant in cross-border health and wellness professional care services, they would be well advised to embrace the clustering, chaining, converging and "communitizing" model. Entrepreneurs will find bountiful and boundless opportunities by identifying obvious gaps or linking various elements of the model together.

CLUSTERING, CHAINING, CONVERGING AND COMMUNITIZING FOR CROSS-BORDER HEALTH AND WELLNESS SERVICES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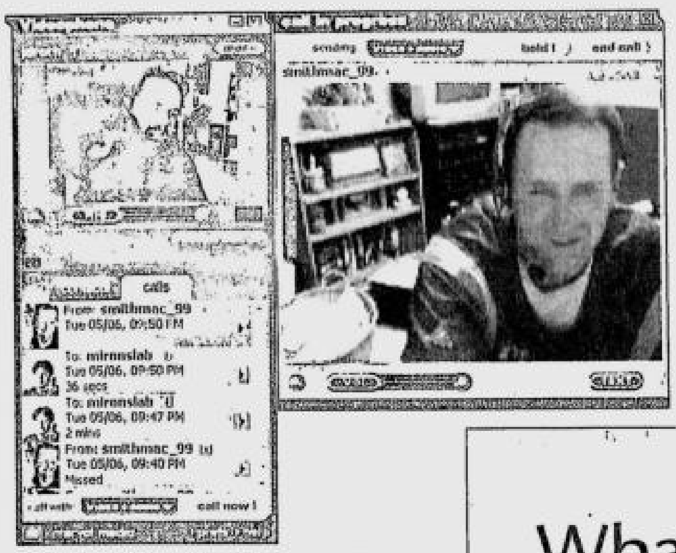
When will call centers offer video-based services?

By Alexander Villafania
Contributor

ALL CALL CENTERS IN THE Philippines provide either e-mail or voice-based customer service support, but what if the customer could actually see the call center agent?

It may sound like it came straight from a sci-fi novel, but network infrastructure firm Nortel is expecting that video call center services would be the next step for the country's booming call center industry.

Nortel Corp. Evangelist for Multimedia Applications Betsy Wood told reporters that video is a "killer application" that will give call center operators new business opportunities. Likewise, video call center services can also work on the mobile phone as long as there is an available high-bandwidth 3G cellular network and the phones are 3G-ready.



A communications standard called SIP may soon allow call center agents to interact with clients face-to-face.

Wood said the reason for the possibility of providing video call center services on even a mobile environment is a standard called SIP (session initiation protocol), which allows for interactive communication of voice, data and video on virtually any SIP-ready platform, including computers and mobile phones.

For instance, a customer support agent can provide better service on repairing a computer or related equipment simply by having the customer use a webcam or a video-ready phone to take a video of the devices which need repair. This speeds up the process by which an agent can provide assistance to the customer and reduces the time required for the agent to ask questions about the problem.

"If bandwidth is available and if there is a 3G cellular network available, customer support providers would have an easier time figuring out how to help their customers. For the customer, that means less time being on the phone," Wood said.

Although the video call center is one form of service possible using SIP, Wood said enterprise workers could also benefit from video call services, especially for companies that have employees on the field who could conduct video conferencing with their superiors while on the go.

In particular, financial institutions could provide personalized service to premium depositors. While the personal banker service has been around, Wood said adding video gives more security and adds customer satisfaction.

"All of these are possible and it's only a matter of time before we actually see this happening," Wood said.

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providers that are heavily pushing their 3G services. Globe Telecom Wireless Group Head for Business Planning Patricio Pineda III said it would be on the mobile space where Filipinos would most likely get their Internet services due to the availability of handsets and the lower cost of devices compared to PCs. He said that unlike current use of GSM/GPRS communications, 3G goes beyond voice calls, SMS and MMS. Instead, it allows for video calls, which can be the basis for more over-the-air services. Likewise, 3G phones can be used for high-speed Internet browsing and e-mail, which were traditional strengths of Internet-connected PCs.

"Gusto ko, parang PC ang CP ko," (I want my cellular phone to be like a PC) is something that Pineda believes would be a commonly used statement by Filipinos. "Imagine the Internet on your mobile phone, access your e-mail, surf the Web, use online services that you would normally do on a PC—and all this is possible with 3G."

The Philippine Long Distance and Telephone Company (PLDT) is one of the biggest communications infrastructure builders and it is on its way to expanding its NGN, which currently covers some parts of Metro Manila and a few other areas in the Philippines. PLDT Head for Network Planning Arvin Senia said the expansion should be able to open up new services beyond ordinary voice, video and data, which could also be delivered to a wireless environment—be it on a cellular level or radio (Wi-fi or WiMAX). Because NGN expands bandwidth provisioning, the speed by which a particular service is delivered to a user would be greater. He added that deploying and managing NGN would be cheaper while giving more revenues to the operator.

The most ideal NGN service is expected to be Internet Protocol TV (IPTV) wherein traditional TV shows and even movies can be viewed and even controlled online. Broadcast company GMA Network Inc. is looking into IPTV. Its Internet arm, New Media Inc., would be the one leading this endeavor. NMI Technology Consultant Ayedee Ace Domingo said that IPTV is already on commercial use in several countries such as the US, most parts of Europe, India, Australia, Japan and South Korea.

On the other hand, Domingo said that for IPTV to be successful, the NGN infrastructure in the Philippines has to be built first to allow broadcast companies like GMA7 and other content providers to deliver IPTV services. This is because video is more bandwidth-intensive than most types of data. Although he did not specify GMA7's specific plans for IPTV, he said it is an absolute direction for traditional TV.

Apart from IPTV, a subset called mobile TV is also another service that can exploit both 3G and NGN. TV shows delivered on the Internet can be accessed through a 3G-enabled phone. While the video quality is less than spectacular, it allows subscribers to watch their favorite TV shows anytime and anywhere. Domingo said both IPTV and mobile TV can be new sources of revenues for the telecommunications providers and the content providers.

Although true convergence in the telecommunications and broadcast business in the Philippines is still at least two years away, hopes are already high that the idea of convergence would catch up among Filipinos. The only real challenges would be to get the telecommunications providers to work together and laying the policies that would set everything in motion. Prospects in generating revenues from convergent services are also important, and so are the types of services fit for Filipino consumption that would ensure the success of convergence.

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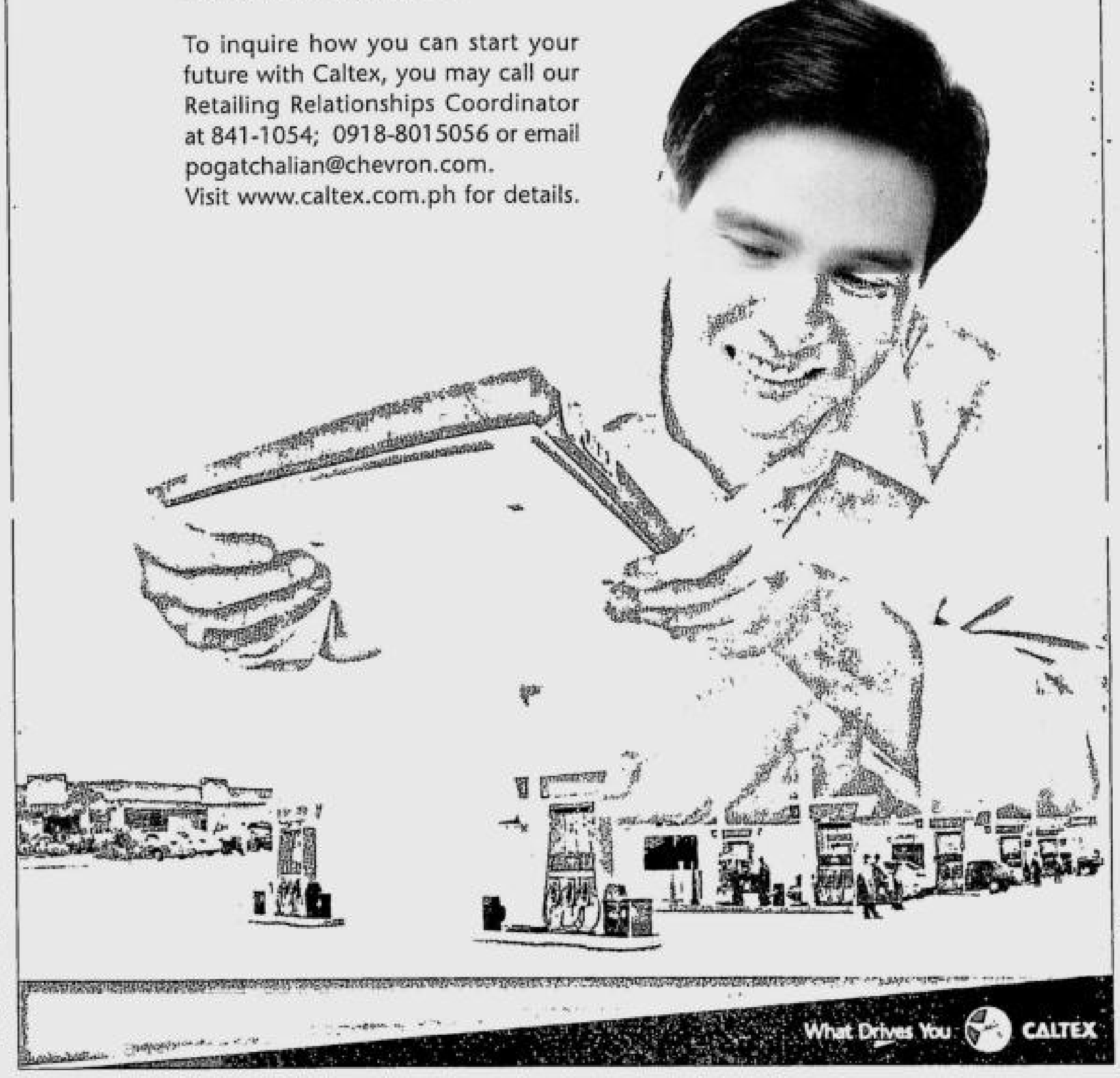

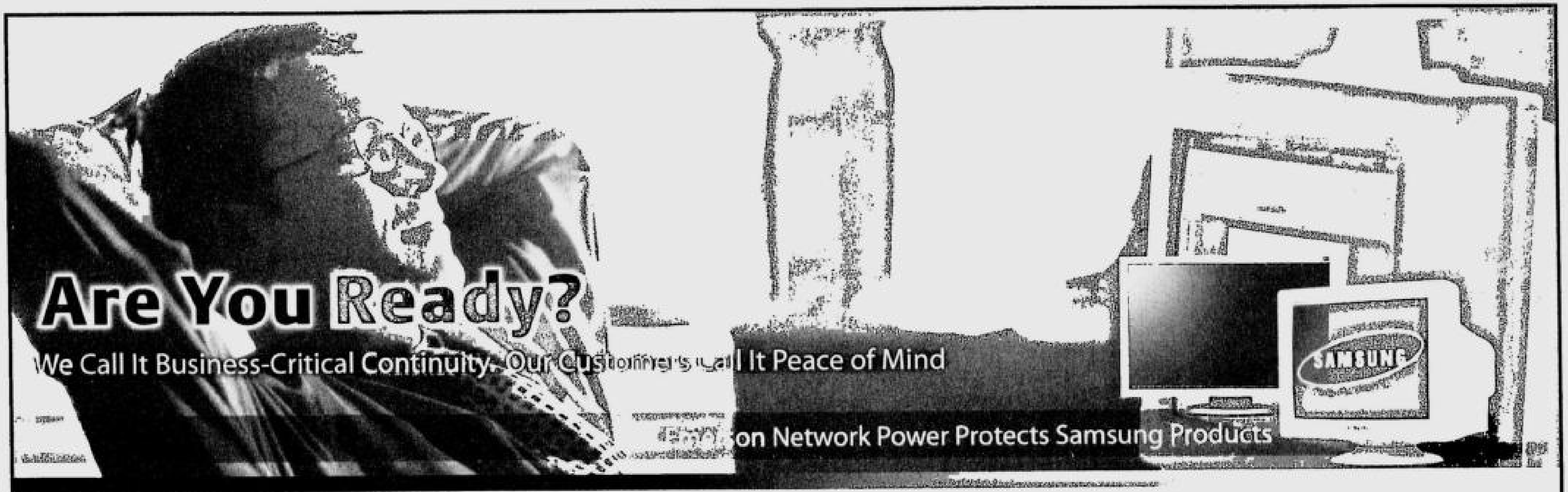
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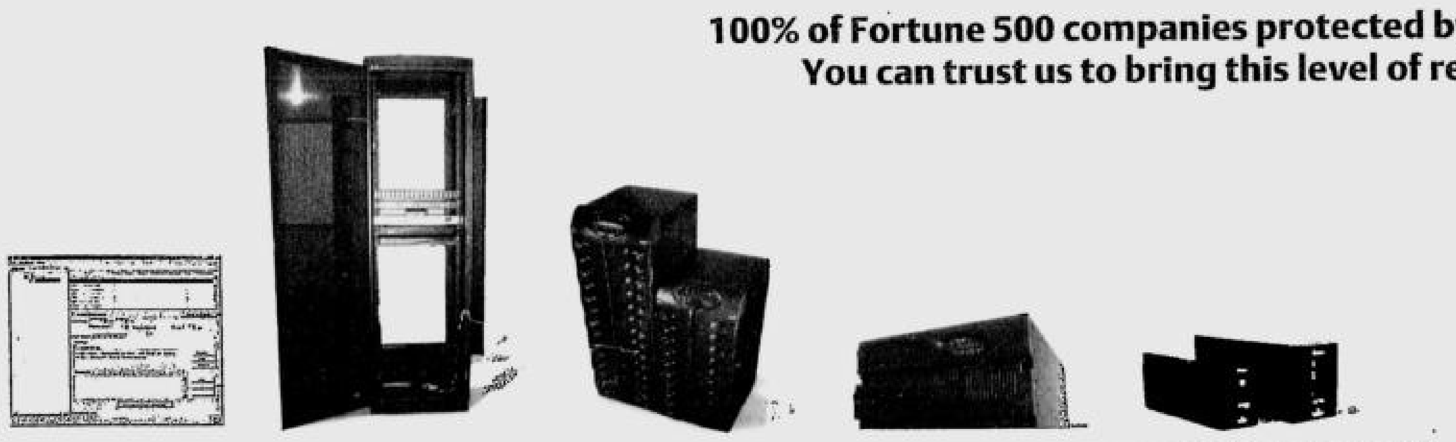

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Tech gurus discuss convergence in RP

By Alexander Villafania
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CELLULAR PHONES AND THE INTERNET were once two separate services with only a few instances where they could be connected. Soon, new services for both mobile and the Internet will be so indistinct that they would seem to work as one.

At least that is what the country's technology pundits envisage about convergent communications in the Philippines.

During the recently held Cyberpress forum on the future of communications, experts from the communications services industry gave their opinions on the direction of convergence, what are being done and what else should be laid out to achieve these goals.

Cyberpress is the Philippines' association of IT journalists.

Leading the way to convergence are the Commission on Information and Communications Technology (CICT) and the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC), two government bodies that regulate and set the conditions to ensure the success of utilizing new communications infrastructure, dubbed as "next-generation network" or NGN.

In his keynote speech, CICT Chair Ramon Sales specified the use of NGN in a country where cities and towns are not physically connected and have less opportunity for trading. He stressed that NGN, which is the foundation of connectivity for both wired and wireless platforms, can be utilized to deliver new communications services to enable people to communicate and exchange business opportunities not just in the Philippines but also abroad.

Sales pointed out that the CICT is already reviewing the country's existing information infrastructure and would create new sets of policies and models to be followed by the country's information technology stakeholders. In particular, the CICT is hoping to implement a voice-over-IP (VOIP) communications infrastructure among other government offices as a model for VOIP deployment for the public. He noted that VOIP can be delivered not just through wired infrastructure but also on wireless platforms, making it a viable tool for remote towns and cities.

Likewise, the NTC has a wider reach among telecommunications stakeholders since it regulates all of the country's communications infrastructure builders. NTC Chair Ronald Solis said the agency has been constantly conducting public hearings and consultations on the aspects of 3G (third-generation) mobile communications, Internet Protocol version 6 (IPv6), VOIP and wireless broadband Internet. Last year, the agency released memorandums governing the infrastructure deployment for VOIP, 3G and broadband wireless access. They have also assigned licenses to some 3G operators, which paved the way for services being tested and eventually deployed by Smart Communications and Globe Telecom.

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The increasing adoption of such applications has been driven not purely by the affordability of such technology, but consumers' ability to experience entertainment "on their own terms". Consumers are looking for a more convenient solution to obtaining, storing and sharing digital music, movies, photos and more. What they want is convenient and easy access to a wide range of digital content, regardless of the source, across various devices and the ability to enjoy it at anytime, anywhere throughout the home where they can sit back and relax or even on mobile devices while on the go.

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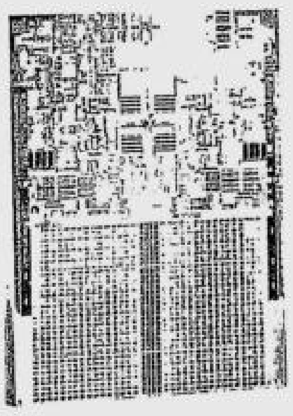

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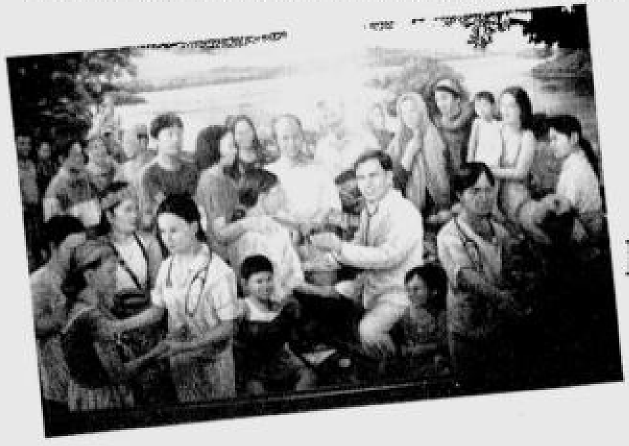
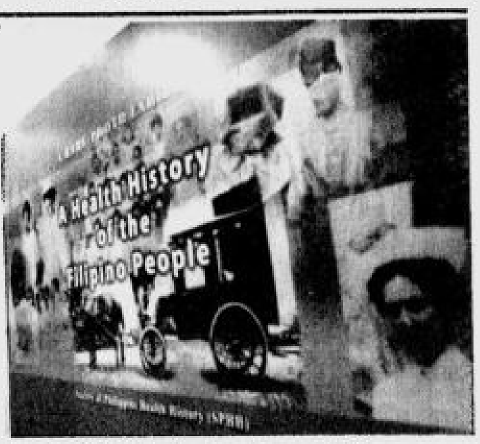


Unique museum charts nation's medical history



ENTRANCE to the Co Tek Tai Medical Museum. Far left: Mural on health care by Thomas Daquioag.

The Co Tec Tai Medical Museum in Pasay City shows the romance and achievement of the Philippine health and welfare system

By Lito B. Zulueta
Photos by Romy Homillada

PERHAPS BECAUSE OF their immediacy and alarm, the scandal over cheating in the last nursing licensure examination and the civil-defense challenges such as the Petron oil slick in Guimaras and the Mayon volcano eruption in Bicol seem to eclipse the Philippines' rather deep and even sterling history in social welfare and the medical sciences. This is unfortunate since the nation could look back to a profound legacy in health care and social welfare.

Ahead of the rest of Asia and even of the United States, the Philippines already had the germ of a hospital system in the 16th century because of the charity work of the Spanish missionaries: the present San Lazaro Hospital traces its roots to a hospital initially built out of *nipa* and bamboo by the Franciscans in 1578; and the Dominicans opened the San Gabriel Hospital in 1588 for the Chinese *parian* in Binondo.

But San Juan de Dios remains the oldest existing hospital in the Philippines, having been built in 1596, also by the Franciscans, and still under the ownership and administration of the Catholic Church, specifically the Archdiocese of Manila, up to the present.

In contrast, the US had its first regular hospital only in 1751. An American physician noted at the turn of the 20th century: "In provisions for the sick and helpless, Manila at the opening of the 17th century was far in advance of any city in the English colonies for more than a century and a half to come."

Long history

To better appreciate the Philippines' medical and social-welfare history, one should perhaps tour the Co Tec Tai Medical Museum in Pasay City. The museum is the brainchild of cardiologist Willie T. Ong of the Makati Medical Center and Manila Doctors Hospital and his sister, businesswoman and executive Julie Ong Alonzo, who runs Sonlie, a giant firm which is into baking products. The museum is housed in two floors of the Sonlie headquarters on Taft Avenue.

The museum is named after the Ong patriarch (Co Tec Tai or Ong Yong), who came from Xiamen, China to the Philippines in 1938, smuggled messages to the Filipino guerrillas through the *hopia* he made and peddled during the Japanese Occupation, made his fortune in real estate and cars, and has engaged in philanthropy and social welfare since his retirement. He's now 84 years old.

Aside from filial honor, the museum is dedicated to young Filipinos who may want to consider a career in the medical and health professions.

"We want young people to come here and perhaps consider taking up a career in the medical and health sciences and practice it in the country," Alonzo said. "We really have to do something about the dwindling number of doctors and nurses in the country."

In order to inspire Filipino aspirants to the medical and health profession as well as stem the brain drain, the museum would like to present role models in the medical and health sciences, Ong said.

Of course, the foremost model should be Dr. Jose Rizal, Ong added. Young Filipinos should be particularly interested in the exhibit of Rizal's original testing lenses which he used when he was a highly prized ophthalmologist. The lenses are on loan to the museum by Dr. Manuel Agulto.

Extensive

The museum was eight years in the making. Ong and Alonzo had to tour around the

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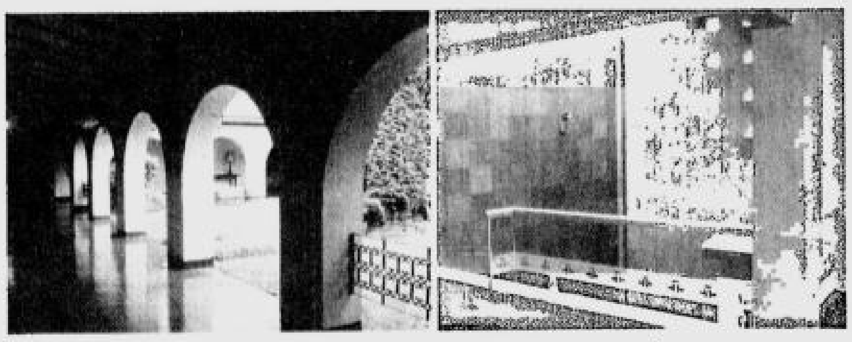


THE CASINO Español de Manila loggia speaks of Philippine lifestyle from another era that remains today.
Far right: Raw concrete pierced with grid openings reminiscent of capiz windows reinterprets traditional Philippine architecture in 21st-century image and technology.

Spanish heritage complex in the heart of Manila

PRIDE OF PLACE

Augusto F. Villalon

WHO SAID CONSTRUCTING A NEW building beside an old one is not good design? Many people believe that the new building must "conform" to the old one by attempting to look alike or at least somewhat similar.

Philippine architects today still follow the outdated "conforming architecture" concept, pairing old and new, designing new buildings that mimic the old by grafting a detail or a feature that echoes a bit of the old building in the new one.

Many times the borrowed heritage detail is force-fit into the new structure, resulting in an uneasy, out-of-place architecture that awkwardly attempts a blending of old and new.

The truth is that the new always pales in comparison with the old. The original is always better. Imitation is seldom better than the original. So why imitate? Why put the old ill at ease with the new?

In planning its new headquarters on San Luís Street in Manila, Instituto Cervantes decided not to imitate the historic Casino Español de Manila beside it. Instead what it built was a new, totally modern building that relates wonderfully to its heritage neighbor.

The two buildings are totally at ease with each other.

Respected

Among the oldest private clubs in the country, the Casino Español is a respected Manila institution. The club premises, designed in 1951 by architect Jose Ma. Zaragoza, are done in the fluid "Filipino-California-Spanish style," a hybrid architectural style popular during the post-World War II years.

The venerable building, a low single-story structure whose arched loggias spread around a shaded interior courtyard, is one of the last surviving Manila structures from that forgotten era.

The membership should be commended for retaining the original structure of their club and for resisting "modernization."

The old Casino Español and the new Instituto Cervantes are good neighbors on San Luís Street in Manila

Now comes the new Instituto Cervantes. Erected on Casino Español property, the new building located on the far side of the existing club quadrangle is architecture unmistakably of the 21st century, a structure in total contrast with the Zaragoza building on the other side of the shared quadrangle.

Contrasting with the arches of the Casino's loggia, the Instituto presents a two-story all-glass wall looking out to the quadrangle from behind a covered open walk connecting classrooms on the ground floor and exposing the library above. Although no details in the new building mimic the old Zaragoza structure beside it, there is full architectural respect between the two structures.

Interiors

The interiors of both buildings mirror the eras when they were built. Beneath the low ceilings of the Casino everything is well-burnished wood, polished red tile floors, and insets of *azulejo* tiles shipped from Spain.

Javier Galván, architect and former director of the Instituto Cervantes, takes the traditional Philippine *bahay-na-bato* as his organizing principle for his conceptual design of the new structure.

The lobby evokes the traditional *zaguan* from a Spanish colonial house in the Philippines. Ground-floor walls are rendered in raw concrete, reminiscent of the stone walls of old. A grand staircase rises to the upper floor, where wood makes an appearance on the floors and walls, much like traditional Philippine houses. Evoking capiz windows in old houses, wooden grids frame the glass on doors and windows.

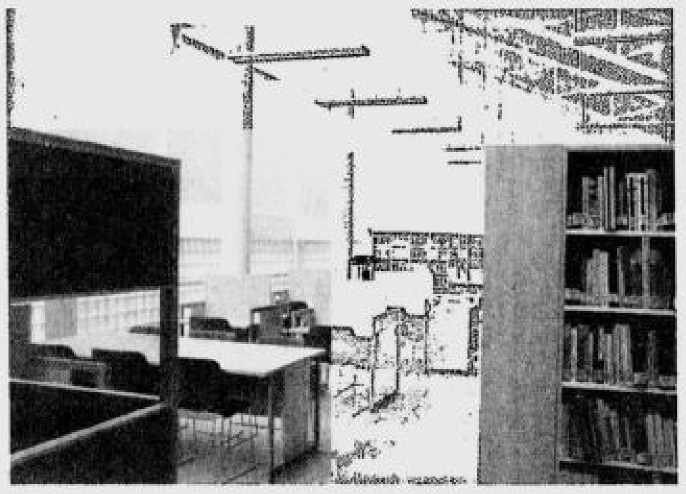
Finishes are definitely 21st century. So is the allocation of space and the handling of natural light.

On the ground floor, gray ceramic floor tiles link walls rendered in raw concrete bathed in natural light from rooftop skylights that continue into the second-floor library, whose floor stops short of the perimeter wall to allow more natural light to filter into the enclosed classrooms below.

Light

Light pierces all areas of the building, achieving luminosity and transparency as well as the air circulation so central to tropical architecture. The building captures Philippine lifestyle and satisfies local climatic conditions perfectly.

BRAVO to Citibank Savings for conserving a heritage Binondo building.



LIGHT, air and high ceilings open up space at the Instituto Cervantes Library.

Galván, who has devoted years studying Philippine architecture, successfully updates historic and traditional references into 21st century architecture, an approach common in other countries but rarely seen in the Philippines.

History and tradition coexist on San Luís Street where both buildings stand in neighborly harmony. The low, horizontal lines of both façades form a harmonious dialogue along the street with the two-story Instituto building accentuating rather than dwarfing the low older building next to it.

Most important, one does not dominate the other. Each building, confident of its excellence, does not try to outshine the other. There is unity of vision on the street.

Think of a May-December architectural arrangement in this fusion of old and new where each partner enters the relationship with strong perspectives rooted in different generations. In the relationship, one is not forced to "conform" to the other nor do the different perspectives clash.

Despite an apparent disparity in form and style, the two partners build a lasting bond that allows each one to maintain his individuality as a shared identity is jointly built up.

May-December harmony is the lesson to be learned from Instituto Cervantes and the Casino Español who show Manila how to be good neighbors.

Now, does it still hold that you cannot marry a new building with an older one?

Heritage watch

The new Citibank Savings branch shines on Quintin Paredes Street. Its sensitive, straightforward reuse of an old Binondo building converted into a contemporary banking area signals the start of a heritage trend in a highly commercial inner-city neighborhood that usually has little regard for its rich pedigree. Bravo!

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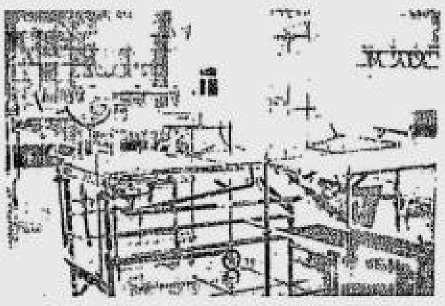
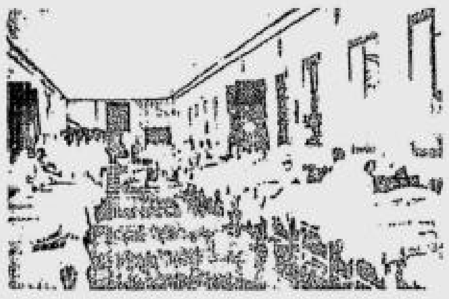
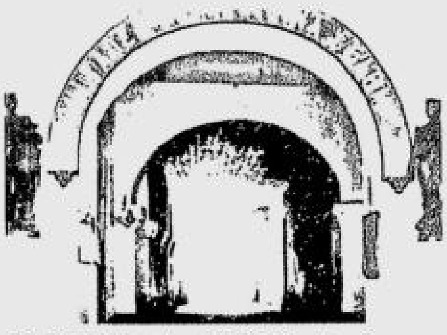


OPERATING room of the San Juan de Dios Hospital in the 19th century.



MEN'S ward of the San Juan de Dios Hospital in the 19th century.



ENTRANCE to the old UST Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy in Intramuros

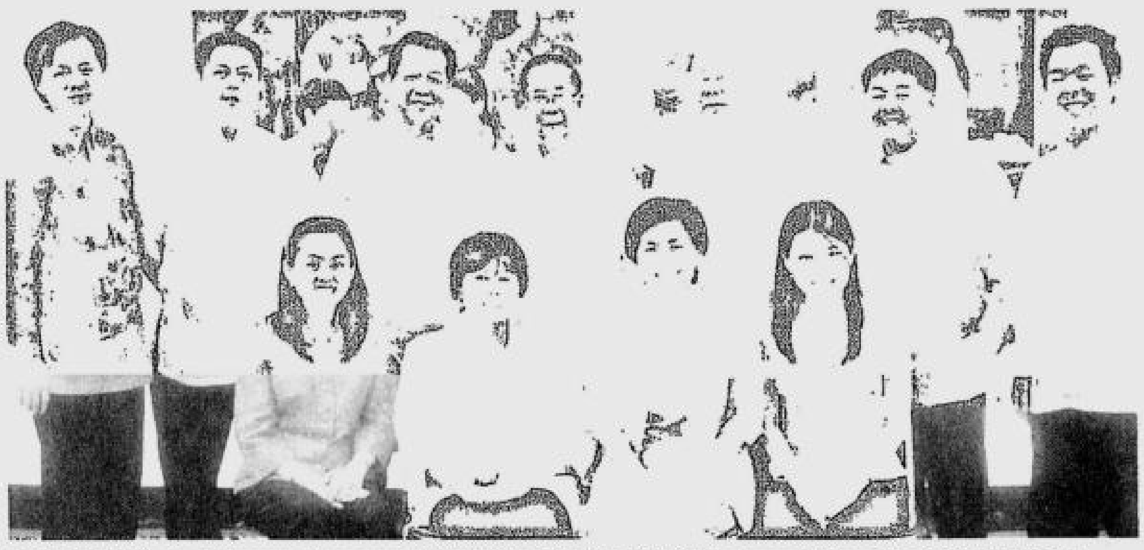
world to collect photographs and illustrations from various archives and collections. They even attended a six-month crash course on medical history at the University of Wisconsin to gain rudimentary expertise in planning and establishing a medical museum.

The museum divides medical history in the islands into the Spanish period, the American era, the Japanese occupation and the immediate postwar period. The Spanish period in the exhibit is largely devoted to the establishment of medical education in the country in 1871 through the Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy of the University of Santo Tomas (the two schools are now separated).

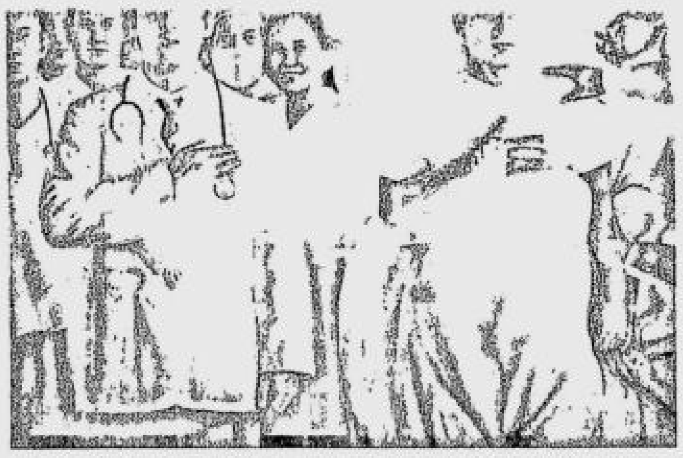
Before the founding of the school, physicians had come from Mexico and Spain, and the pharmaceutical sciences were largely practiced by the Spanish missionary botanists who had studied the curative powers of Philippine flora.

The American period saw the expansion of public health and sanitation. It couldn't be otherwise since the start of the 20th century also saw graver threats to health care, such as the cholera epidemic in 1903 which killed 200,000 people and the smallpox outbreak in the 1920s. It was also during this time when the University of the Philippines, established in 1908, put up its own medical school and when the Philippine General Hospital was established.

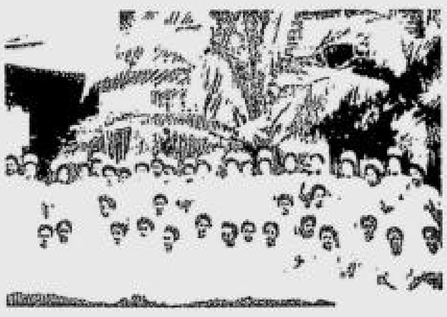
The American period also saw fancy campaigns to promote public health. A photograph shows a float during the Manila Carnival of 1924 with the inscription, "Tuberculosis is a disgrace to the nation. Help it fight it." Ironically today TB is on the rise and remains a leading killer of Filipinos.



CO TEC TAI Medical Museum directors: Dr. Willie Ong, Dr. Juan Martin Magsanoc, Wilson Ong, Co Tec Tai (Ong Yong), Tecson Alonzo, William Ong and Harold Alonzo. Seated: Dr. Anna Liza Ong, Juanita Ong, Julie Ong Alonzo and Hazel Jade Alonzo

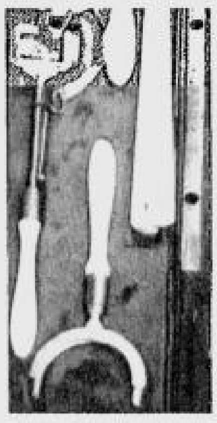


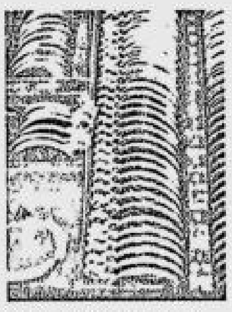
"BRAIN Drain ," by Daquioag



FIRST batch of nursing graduates, Silliman University

PROFESSORS of the UST Faculty of Medicine, circa 1911.





JOSE Rizal's testing lenses. Left: surgical weapons at the turn of the century.

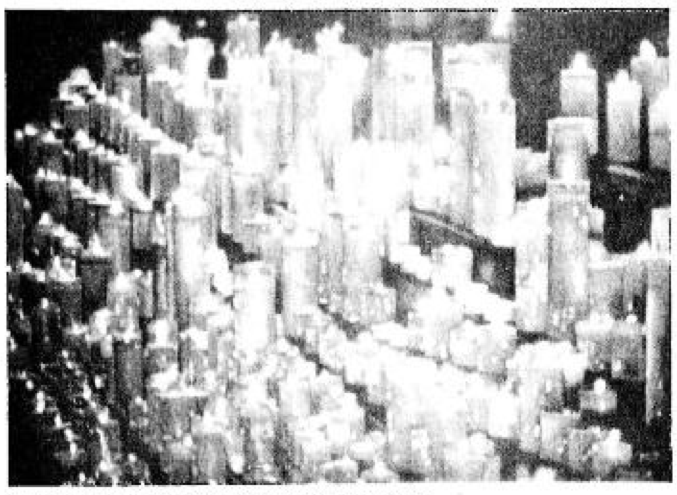
Philatelic art through the decades also shows the growing public health consciousness. Stamp collectors will be particularly impressed at the museum's collection of health- and medical-related stamps.

A part of the exhibit has been toured around the country and been seen at the Ayala Museum, Cultural Center of the Philippines, Chinese General Hospital, Department of Health and Novartis.

The museum also has a gallery exhibiting paintings on medical and health topics. On display are works by Thomas Daquioag and other artists. Daquioag's "Brain Drain," commissioned by the museum, is a relevant commentary on the state of the health professions in the country.

It is perhaps because of such a state that Alonzo expresses elation that the museum has slowly but steadily attracted visitors, even from the provinces. She said that nursing students from La Union visited the museum on their Manila field trip. "After the tour," Alonzo said, "their professor asked them, '*O, gusto ninyo pa bang umalis ng Pilipinas eh kailangan kayo rito?*'" The question remains pregnant.

The Co Tek Tai Medical Museum is at Sonlie International Bldg., 2652 Taft Ave., Pasay City. It is open to the public, especially educational tours. Call 8318904 or 83194 05.


"A THOUSAND Wishes," by Margarita Lim

Sleight of brush with watercolor

By Gino Dormiendo
Contributor

THE WONDROUS TOUCH of watercolor has sparked again a series of disparate but interesting images in the 23rd Annual Kulay sa Tubig Watercolor Competition. Some 67 artists—the best and brightest in the medium—took part this year, which had a side contest looming: the battle of Hall of Famers, the pantheon of consistent top prize winners.

Which is not to say there were no boners in a contest as exclusive as Ernie and Chichi Salas' couple advocacy of the medium. There were images in the realm of the trite and the trivial, which was perfectly acceptable if there were at least some new sparks ignited by their creator. But still, certain watercolorists couldn't help but dish out the same old stuff.

The problem with watercolorists in general is they keep repeating themselves year after year such that the same judges grow weary of seeing such repetitions. This is not to disparage our much-vaunted aquarelle masters, but I guess they must also make an effort to please the mind in the postmodern era. A dose of wit, a touch of irony, a modicum of farcical comment will surely go a long way in making this event both eye- and mind-boggling.

I presume this year's panel of judges had a grand time choosing the best of the lot, given the surfeit of the main staple in a medium as delicate and as provocative as watercolor. A number of new names emerged top winners: Margarita Lim, for her striking candlelit show "A Thousand Wishes"; Mel Cabriana, for his paean to the Pinoy rice staple "Kaloob"; Nel Canasa, for his visual haiku "Ihip at Daloy"; and Carlos Filart, for his black-and-white spectacle "Bubbles."

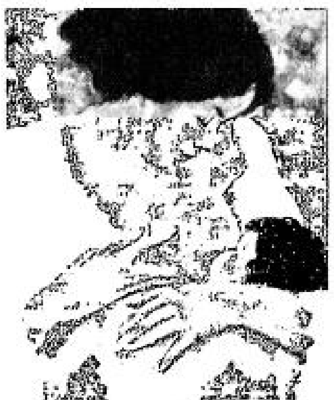
A Korean national, Kim Young Cheol, was one of the five top winners for "Antique Jars," which should give local artists some tips on how to explore our culture without resorting to the usual "bahay na bato" and antiquarian churches.

A number of previous winners had their share of watercolor glory. But they were either outclassed in the final reckoning or just couldn't pass muster when pitted against other pieces that were stronger in the conceptual area. Talent is not the sole criterion here, but also clarity of image, depth of message and bravura in the medium, all three working in concentric order.

The sideshow battle of the previous top winners elicited token participation, with just three battling it out for the highest honors. I gather the fight was so intense that only two names remained in the last round of discussion: Toti Cerda and Noli Manalang. The former had a picture of a highway blocked by a huge billboard announcing "Detour" and "Road Under Construction." It is a view infinitely surreal and also profoundly witty. I am reminded of the depiction of the banality of violence in the Palestinian film "Divine Providence." With his mastery of the medium, and his delineation of a world in grave danger, and yet understated in its visual power, Cerda almost stole the show from everyone.

Cabangon

Another artist who has taken up the subject of a more or less contemporary fetish—stuffed toys and children's games—is EJ Cabangon. In his previous show, he displayed the same stuff but I particularly liked his blowups of incandescent marbles. A resident artist of Big and Small Art Gallery, Cabangon calls his fourth solo show "Closet Ally" in reference to those lifeless toys that are first displayed and later stored in the closet.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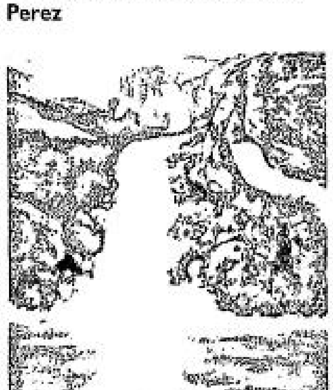
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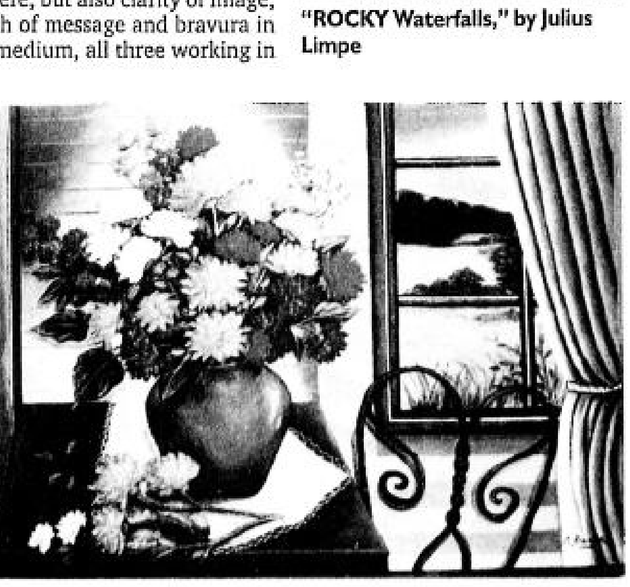
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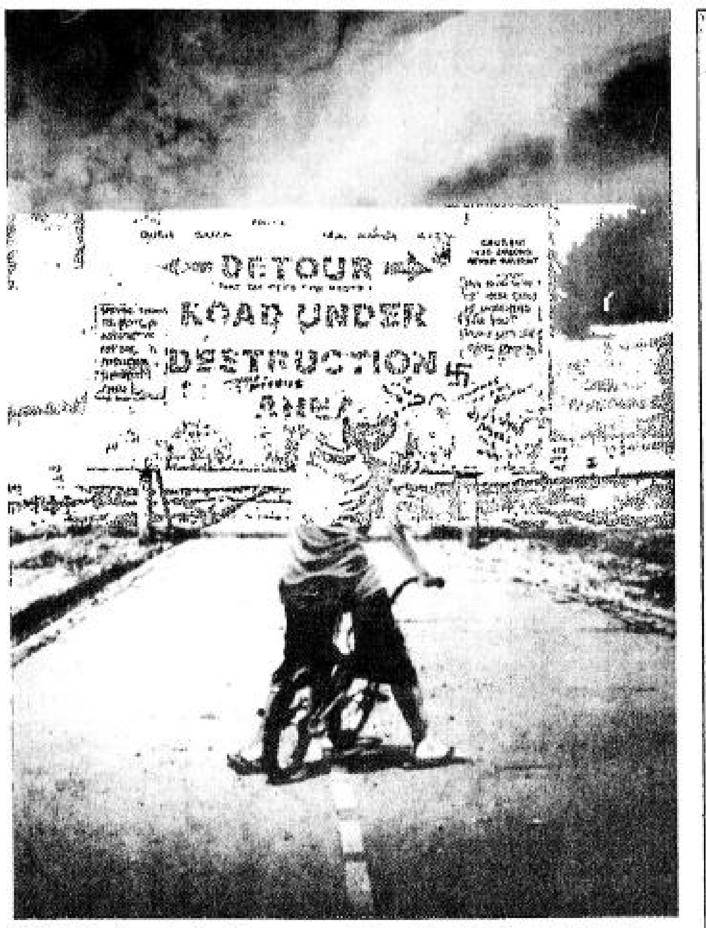
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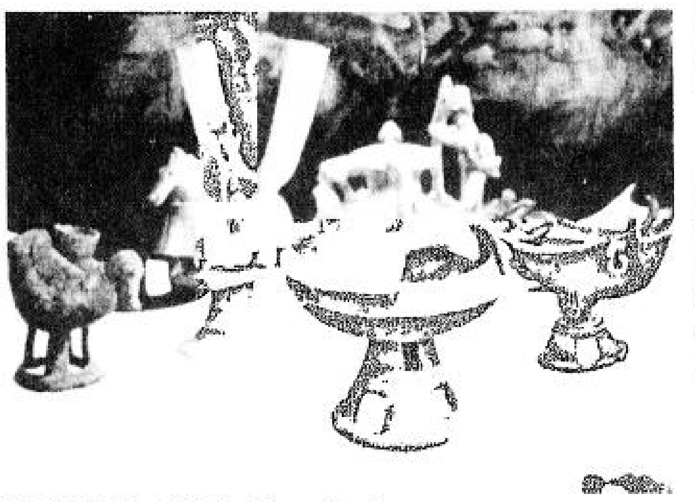
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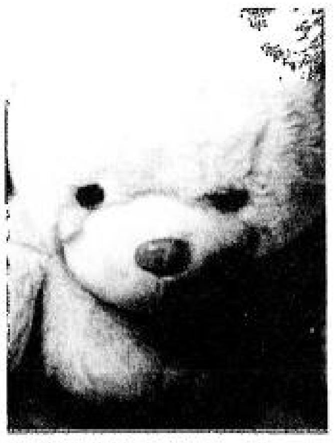
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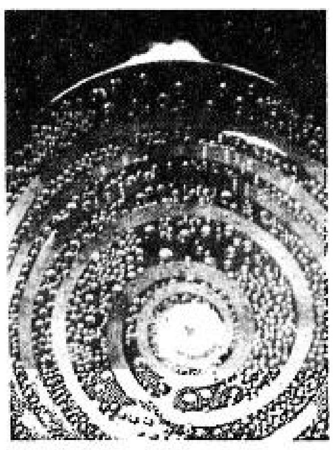
"BUBBLES," by Carlos Filart

Given his proclivity for hyperrealism, these works are truly riveting. I am awed by the artist's painstaking effort at delineating these furry shapes, complete with their expressive countenance and their makers' adherence to perfection of creating replicas of creatures that toddlers love to caress and coddle.

This is a show that reveals a lot about the creator's own fetishes and fantasies. Attempts to mimic a universe wizened by toys and gadgetry certainly need some degree of commentary or personal judgment. But Cabangon prefers to wallow in the stuff of his creation, and hopelessly gets carried away by self-induced mimicry. A childlike view of play seems remote from the vantage point of adults.

'Trese Estilo'

The art scene is somehow kept alive by the sustaining power of veterans who have never considered it below their persons to bond with younger artists. Theirs is a nurturing relationship, and this is seen in "Trese Estilo," by 13 established and emerging artists. The dominant style is realist, in its varying modes of artistic practice, with token representation from a few expressionists and impressionists.

The names are, of course, familiar to many gallerygoers: Al Perez, Angel Cacnio, Fernando Sena, Jun Martinez, Loreto Racuya, Ton Raymundo, Elmer Gernale and Julius Limpe. Emerging artists include sculptor Ferdie Cacnio, Menchu Arandilla, and Victor Wood (yes, the singer and performer). Rudolf Gonzales is based in Hawaii while Nards Miranda has been away for some time.

In a gathering such as this, the course one takes is the path already taken; surprises are few.

Perez is, of course, long known for his renderings of the Filipino icon, the Mother and Child, as well as old churches, but he occasionally jazzes up his renderings with an innovative touch of brush and paint, not to mention newfound materials.

Cacnio, with his knack for capturing the Filipino family in all its prosaic glory, simply does that with his "Masayang Mag-anak," the subjects flashing their most incandescent smiles.

Sena, mentor to many artists, is hyperrealist in his trademark still life. Martinez, on the other hand, combines impressionism and realism and strives to remain loyal to his niche.

Racuya, long missed by gallerygoers, has been good at capturing local color in his canvases. So, too, has Raymundo, a doctor who is perhaps better known as artist in two mediums: painting and sculpture.

The name of Gernale is identified with aquarelle, while that of Limpe is best associated with fishes and landscapes and seascapes, subjects he has explored in countless shows.

Gonzales is best known for his velvety seascapes that have been inspired by his milieu.

Cacnio, the son, bears some watching, as he has been doing unusual sculptures that make use of brass, like his brother Michael.

Arandilla paints in a wizened naïf style, with a dose of disarming primitivism.

Wood has taken up art after a flourishing show biz career, but he is in search of a style, which explains the quasi-abstract leanings that may one day coalesce into something more solid and identifiable.

These artists, at home with their styles, have obviously found a niche. But it's never too late for artists to dare and, like the number 13, throw caution to the wind.

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Cabangon at Big and Small

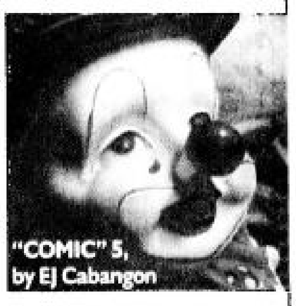

"COMIC" 5, by EJ Cabangon

Photo-realist painter EJ Cabangon, a graduate of Fine Arts at Philippine Women's University, exhibits his recent works depicting miniature clowns and stuffed bears in dramatic close-ups. "I have always been challenged to capture reality and trick people's eyes into seeing something else it's not," said the 33-year-old painter. The works show Cabangon's use of neo-hues for color, depth of field and meticulous attention to detail. The exhibit runs until Aug. 29 at Big and Small Art Co. (4/L, SM Megamall Bldg. A, Mandaluyong City).

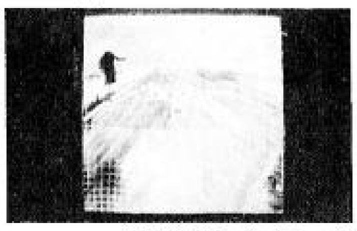
Bonoan at Avellana

BY TINA Bonoan

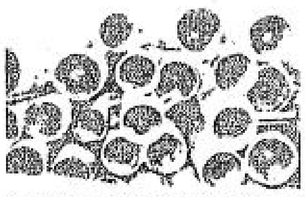
On view at Avellana Art Gallery until Sept. 9 is Tina Bonoan's "Wired." The show features her newest accessories—pieces of wearable art. Their motif is a line of silver that winds, spirals, creates small globes and imperfect squares. The silver is held in balance by spheres and geometric shapes of horn, wood, or semiprecious stones. A tight juxtaposition of movement and stillness, light and dark, each work pays homage to the duality that makes this world possible. Avellana Art Gallery is at A-19, 2680 F.B. Harrison St., Pasay City (fronting Gideon Academy).

'Mute' at Blanc

"Mute," a group show by four young artists, Don Dalmacio, Lynyrd Paras, Brenda Praico and Carlo Saavedra, opens Aug. 23 at Blanc Art Space, 2E Crown Tower, 107 H.V. dela Costa St., Salcedo Village, Makati. The exhibit runs until Sept. 13. Call 7520032 or 0920-9276436.


"USING the Periphery," by Don Dalmacio

Villaruel at Mag:Net


"VETERANS," by Alvin Villaruel

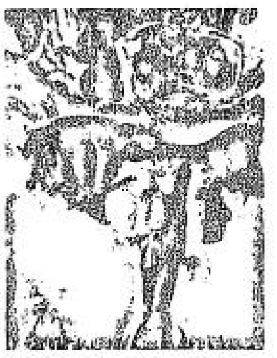
Alvin Villaruel's "Storage Problems" displays five figurative paintings representing objects and materials signifying industrial decay. Rendered in near-monochrome, the works also depict images such as the skeleton of a German airstrip in World War I, denoting the presence of war as an accelerating factor for technological growth. The show runs Aug. 31-Sept. 26 at Mag:Net Gallery Katipunan (335 Agcor Bldg., Katipunan Ave., Loyola Heights, QC). Call 9293191.

Bencab at CCP

The Cultural Center of the Philippines and ING Private Banking present a solo exhibit by National Artist Benedicto "Bencab" Cabrera in "Bencab on Paper: Prints and Paper Pulp Paintings," curated by Ambeth Ocampo. The exhibit features recent works of Bencab from his artistic residency at the Singapore Tyler Print Institute. The exhibit runs until Sept. 3. Call 8323702.

Ruiz, Perez, Ibay at Astra

Jose Ibay, Dante Perez, Jose Tence Ruiz—three figurative painters of different inclinations—mount "Korpus," which consists of works intersecting on the nation as a palpable body. The show opens Sept. 1, with cocktails at 7 p.m., and runs until Sept. 14 at Galerie Astra (2nd level, LRI Business Plaza, 210 Nicanor Garcia St., Bel Air II, Makati). Call 8903988.


"DAH-LING, Big Hats are Definitely In," by Jose Tence Ruiz

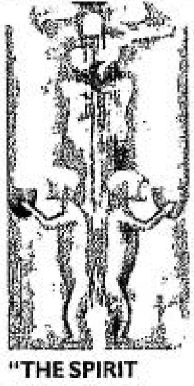
Oliveria and Tuazon at 7

Jayson Oliveria and Wire Tuazon are holding an exhibit until Sept. 11 at Galerie 7, 46 Calumpit St., Veterans Village, Project 7, QC. Call 3713751 or 3746410.

Faith-based art

Mission Acts 1:8 Ministries presents Dan Francisco in "Strokes of Faith." Biblically inspired paintings are featured such as "Too Late," "The Red Sea Experience," "His Victory," "Rock of My Salvation," "Faithful Shepherd," and "Kisapmata." The show runs until Sept. 17 at Saturday Group Gallery, 2/F, Ali Mall, Araneta Center, QC. Call 6282286 or 0928-7538680.

Aguinaldo, Lebajo at Duemila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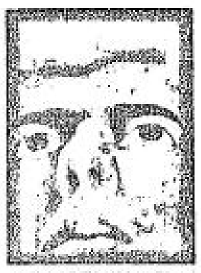
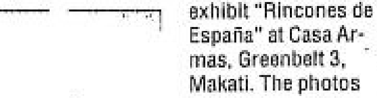

"ANGEL," by Raul Lebajo

Baguio-based artist Leonardo Aguinaldo's "Subjects," at Galleria Duemila's Gallery A, features a series of mix-media drawings on Korean rice paper dating back to 1998, the Philippine Centennial. Raul Lebajo, meanwhile, mounts "Celebration" at Gallery B. Over a more than 40-year career, Lebajo's work has been described as having a "compelling sense of organic vitality" and a "fluid energy." It is "attuned with the surrealist pulse," offering a "union of the intellectual and the sensual." Both exhibits run Sept. 2-3. The opening event is on Sept. 2, 3 p.m. Galleria Duemila is now at 210 Loring St., Pasay City. Call 8319990 or visit www.galleriaduemila.com.

Cacnios lead Malabon exhibit

The Malabon citizens group Mga Parokyano ng Malabon is opening an art exhibit, "Noong Unang Panahon: Thoughts on Malabon, Our Town," Aug. 31-Sept. 8, at the Pescadores Restaurant in Malabon City. Leading the exhibit is renowned father-and-son tandem of Angel and Michael Cacnio. Proceeds of the exhibit will finance cultural projects. Call 0920-8796439.


"BULUNGAN," by Angel Cacnio

Pilar Tuason at Casa Armas

The works of Spanish photographer Pilar Tuason are featured on the exhibit "Rincones de España" at Casa Armas, Greenbelt 3, Makati. The photos capture famous historic places in Spain and the Americas. Call 7574996 or 7574961.

"WINDMILLS of La Mancha," by Tuason

Marian exhibit opens this week at Santo Domingo

MOST MARIAN FEAST days in the Philippines are celebrated in special ways with town fiestas, novena masses, processions, fluvial parades, floral offerings in May, and pilgrimages to numerous Marian shrines. The more popular expressions of devotion to the Mother of God in the country are the feasts and novenas honoring Our Lady of Perpetual Help every Wednesday in Baclaran, Our Lady of Manaoag in Pangasinan, Our Lady of Good Voyage in Antipolo, Our Lady of Peñafrancia in Naga, Our Lady of Piat in Tuguegarao, and Our Lady of La Naval in Quezon City, to name just a few.

Although many Catholics possess genuine devotion to the Blessed Virgin, which finds expression in different ways that are imbued with local color and folk culture, not to mention those bordering on superstition and fanaticism, the particular devotion to the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary or the Bambina Maria is quite uncommon in the Philippines. In the metropolis, only one church in Marikina is dedicated to her Nativity. Two other churches celebrating her birth may also be found in Pangil, Laguna, and Samar.

The earliest document commemorating the feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God comes from the 6th century. St. Romanus, the great ecclesiastical lyricist of the Greek church, composed a hymn for the feast which was a poetical sketch of an apocryphal gospel of St. James.

The early beginnings of the devotion to the Child Mary may be traced to Milan, Italy, in 1007, the year in which the church of Santa Maria Fulcorina was dedicated to the Mystery of the Nativity of Mary. Eventually, the church became the Cathedral Church of Milan. In 1251, Pope Innocent IV granted in perpetuity a plenary indulgence for those who visit the cathedral on Sept. 8. From then on, Mary's birthday was celebrated with great solemnity.

The present Cathedral was consecrated in 1572 by St. Charles Borromeo who dedicated it officially in honor of Mary's Nativity. Over the main entrance of the church are these words in bronze letters: "Mariae Nascenti." The tomb of the saint is found in the crypt of the church.

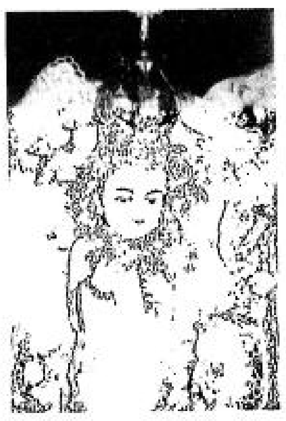
An art exhibit, "La Virgencita," will be held Sept. 2-15 at Museo de Sto. Domingo in Sto. Domingo Church, Quezon City, to commemorate and promote the devotion to Our Lady's Nativity.

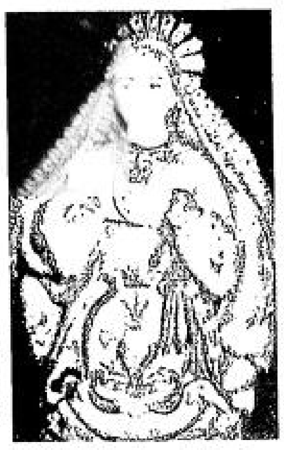
The Rosary Promotion group of the Dominican seminary, Kapatid (Si Kristo ang Patutunguhan sa Tulong ng Ina ng Diyos), led by Bro. Rollo Mikhail Gomez, OP, in collaboration with Rei G. Nicolas, PDGP, is organizing the affair together with Fr. Roberto Pinto, OP, chaplain of the shrine, and Fr. Ferdie Bautista, OP, who's in charge of the museum.

Various images in wood and ivory celebrating some special aspects of Mary's childhood will be on display, such as Nicolas' Dulce Nombre de Maria and La Virgencita Maria Santisima, Gino Marasigan's Bambina Maria, Noel Abquilan's San Joaquin y La Niña Maria, and Adelaida Castro's Santa Madonnina Nella Contemplazione. Other images on exhibit include those coming from the collections of Doña Carmen Reyes, Tom Joven, Dr. Joel Pascua, Beto Panganiban, Steve de Leon, Jun Manahan, Toots Munar, Dr. Jojo Valencia, Nino Galauran, and Philip Escudero.

The first two pioneering exhibits mounted by Nicolas on the same Marian theme were held at the *camarin* of the historic Sta. Aria Church in Manila in 2004 and 2005.

Former University of Santo Tomas rector and Commission on Higher Education chair Fr. Rolando V. de la Rosa, OP, assisted by the *camarera* of the revered image of Our Lady of the Rosary, La Naval de Manila, Doña Carmen Reyes, will inaugurate the exhibit.


BAMBINA Maria in solid ivory courtesy of Gino Marasigan


DULCE Nombre de Maria, from the collection of Nicolas

RARE ivory image of San Joaquin y La Niña Maria courtesy of Noel Abquilan

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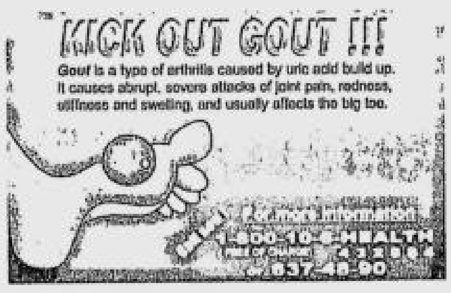
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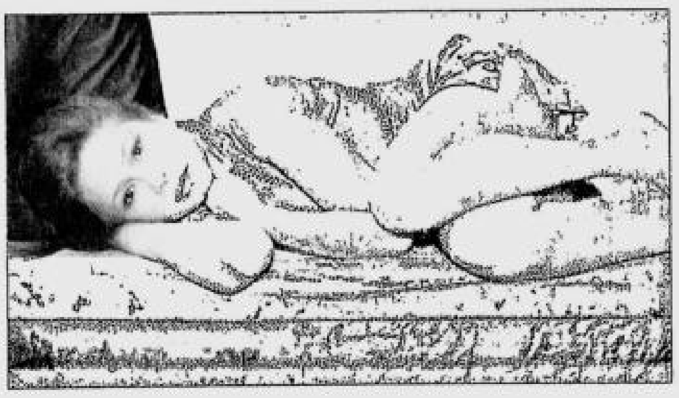

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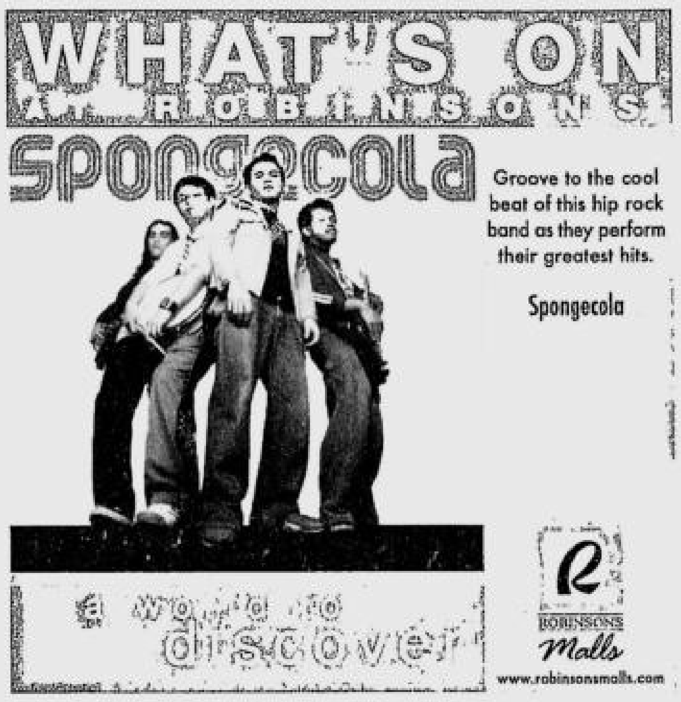
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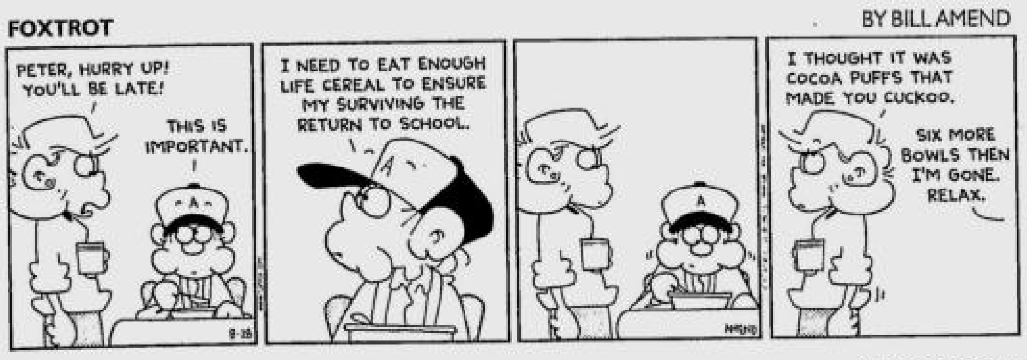
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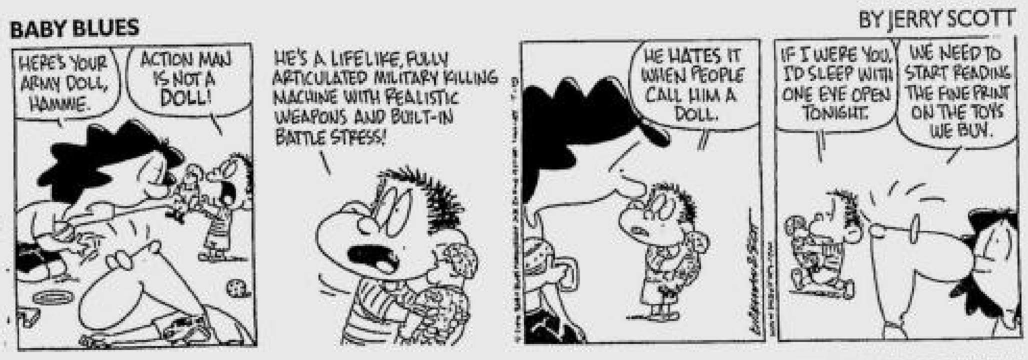
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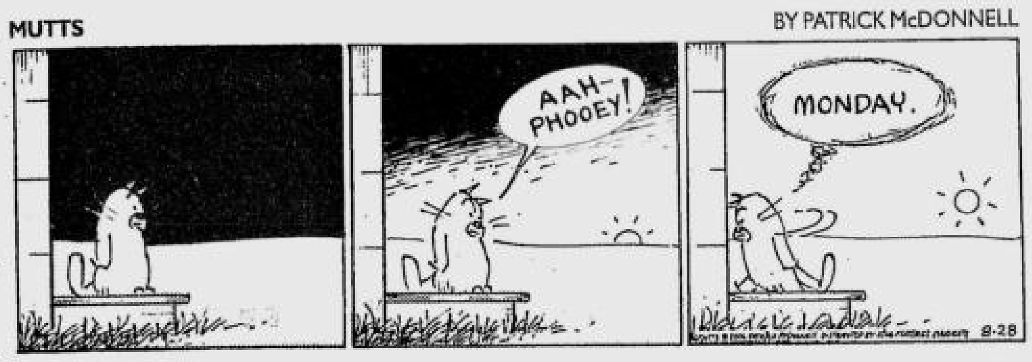
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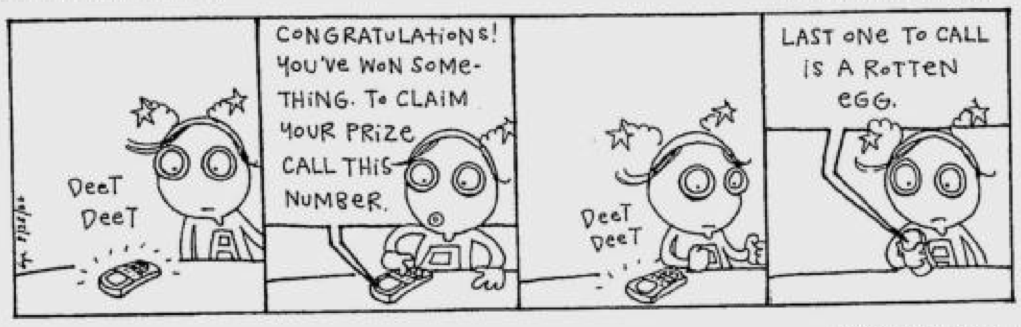
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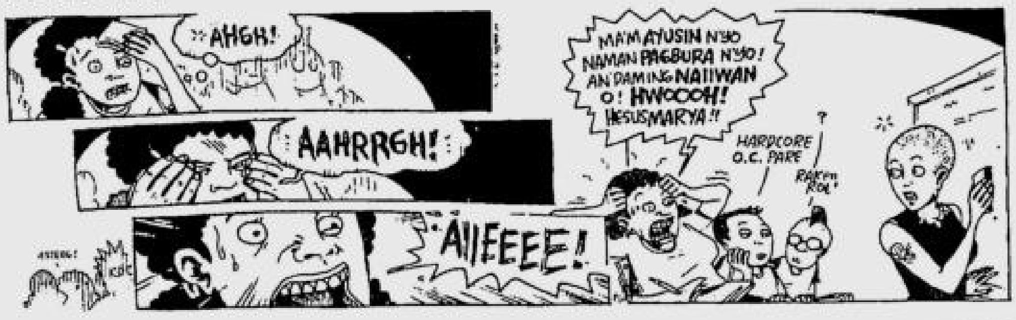
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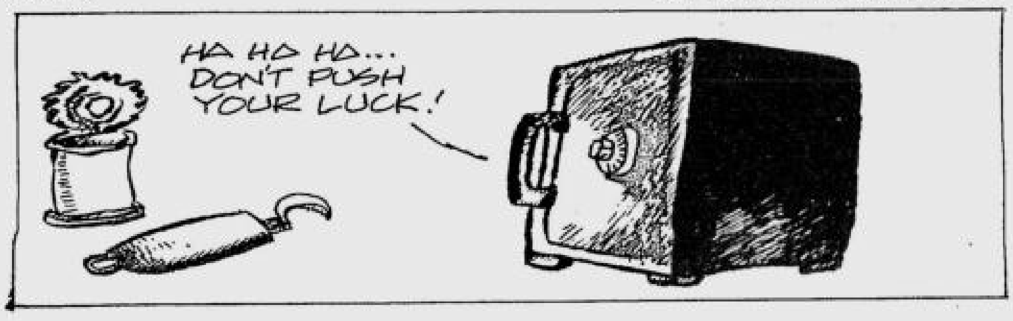
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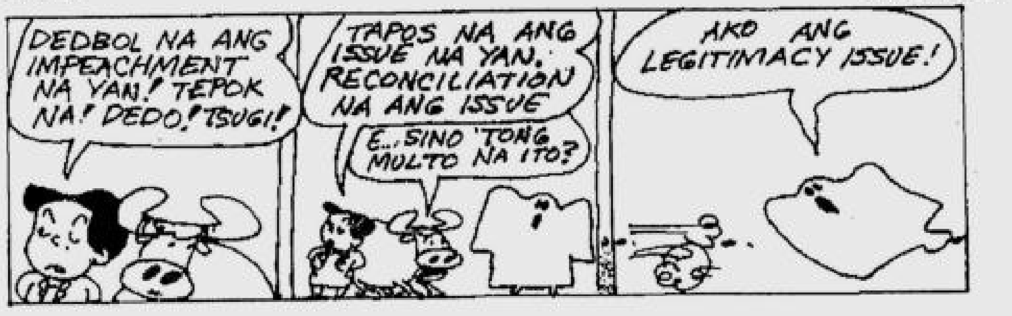
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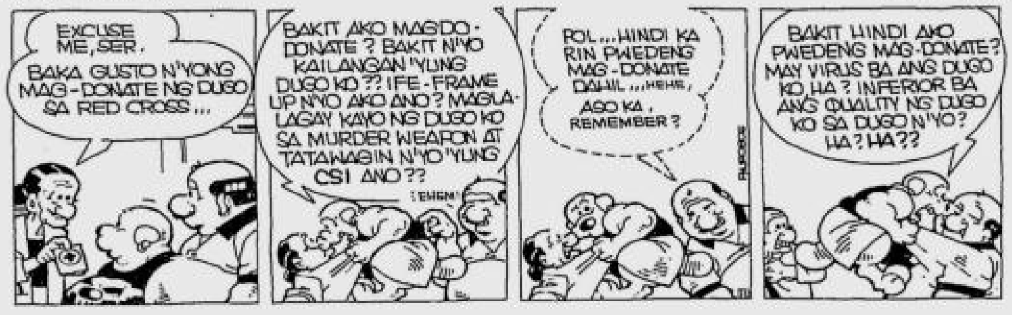
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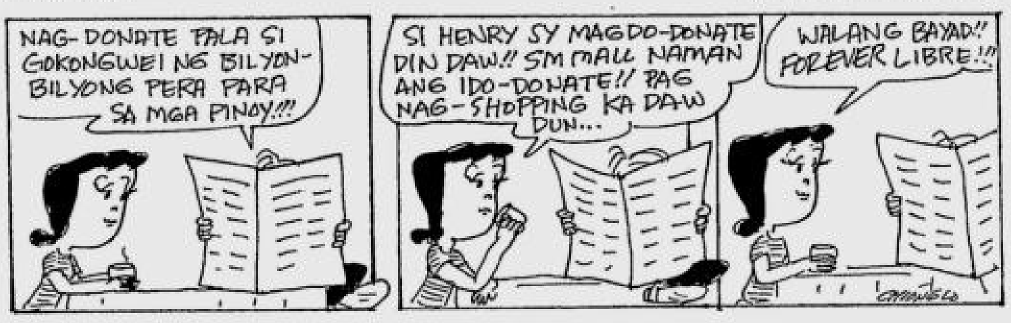
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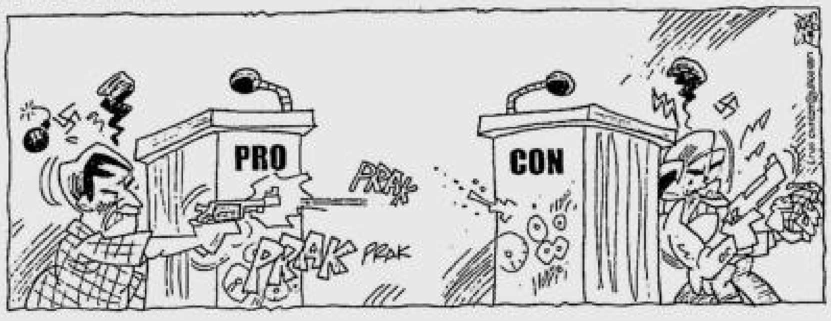
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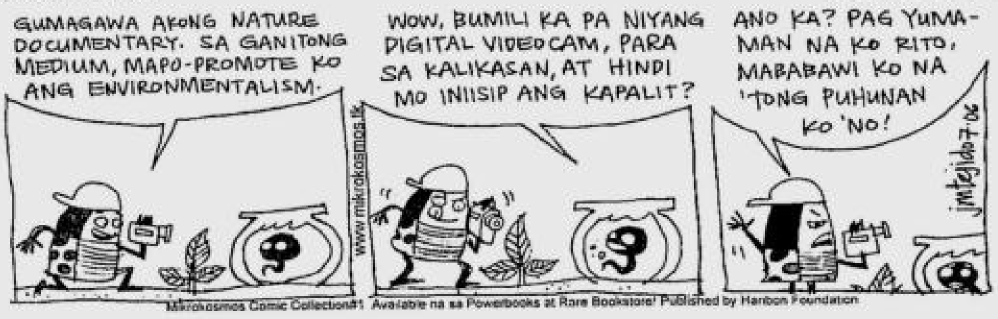
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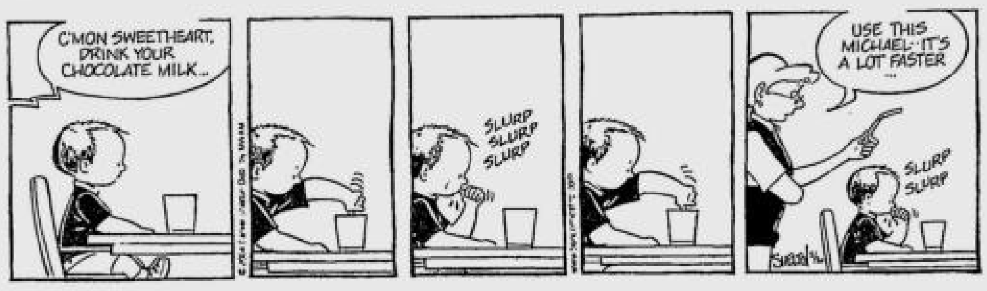
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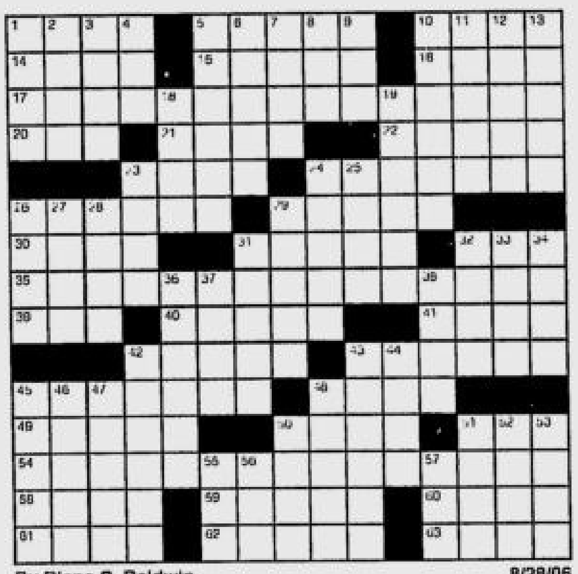

By Diane C, Baldwin
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CANCER (June 21 to July 22): Sudden and unexpected opportunities for a vacation could arise today. Perhaps it is something related to sports, children, the entertainment world or romance? Whatever it is, grab it!

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22): Gifts and goodies can bless your home or your family today. Something having to do with a profitable real estate deal could also be in the picture.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22): Good news lifts your spirits today. New acquaintances from a different background could be the source of a surprise. Perhaps a sibling has something wonderful to share.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): You can definitely earn more money or dream up moneymaking ideas today. Perhaps a new job offer will come along for some of you. Something looks good!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): An opportunity or piece of good luck could definitely come to you today—right out of the blue! It might be a sudden windfall or even a promotion. Be open to whatever can happen.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19): You could meet someone quite unusual today. Or perhaps an existing friendship takes an unusual turn. You will likely learn something new and exciting

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18): Your career and your good reputation can definitely get a boost today. Someone admires you for a special reason. You might as well milk this for all it's worth. Make hay while the sun shines!

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20): Unexpected opportunities to travel or to increase your education can come your way today. Be ready to act. This will almost certainly benefit you; however, your window of opportunity is brief.

CONCEPTIS SU DOKU

Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

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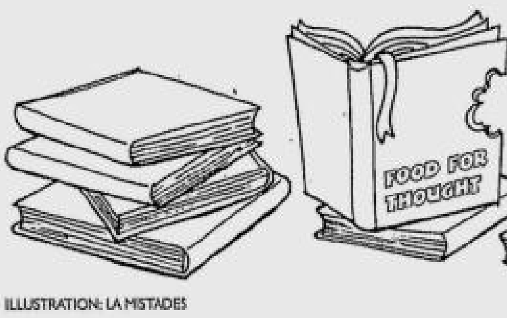

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PUBLISHERS AND BOOKSELLERS WILL hold the 27th Manila International Book Fair (MIBF), the country's paramount event for the book business, at the World Trade Center Metro Manila, Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue and Roxas Boulevard, on Aug. 30-Sept. 3.

With the theme "Make it a Habit," the MIBF once again unites local and foreign publishers, wholesalers, retailers, book lovers and collectors, librarians, authors, publishers' representatives, and every major player in the publishing industry in its continuing efforts to promote books and reading.

Attended by more than 50,000 people last year, the MIBF showcases the largest and most varied collection of literature, textbooks, educational supplements, general references, religious and inspirational titles, self-help books, management books, Filipiniana, coffee-table books, popular novels, children's books, art books, graphic novels, rare and hard-to-find titles, magazines, audio and e-books, multimedia, teaching supplies and services, publishers' technology, and travel materials.

The 27th Manila International Book Fair is organized by Primetrade Asia Inc. in partnership with Asian Catholic Publishers Inc., Book Development Association of the Philippines, Philippine Booksellers Association Inc., and Publishers Representatives Organization of the Philippines. It is supported by the Philippine Educational Publishers Association, Book Exporters Association of the Philippines, and the Christian Booksellers Association-Philippine Chapter.

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New Day books

Leading religious and Filipiniana publishing house New Day Publishers will launch its latest books and sell its titles at discounted prices during the 27th Manila International Book Fair.

Topping this year's new titles are "Pestilence in the Philippines: A Social History of the Filipino People," by Luis Camara Dery, a social history of the Philippines from 1571 to 1800; and "Rizal and Heroic Traditions: A Sense of National Destiny," by Pablo S. Trillana III, a collection of essays on Rizal, history, governance, education and culture.

New Day will also offer insightful self-help books on practical topics such as John Byrne's "Survival Tips at Work" and "Survival Tips for Students," Liz Babbs' "The Thing About Calories," "The Thing About Stress," and "The Thing About the Office."

For married couples, there is "365 Ways to Make the Most of Your Marriage" by Juliet Janvrin and Lucy Selleck.

For students, New Day has released "Dictionary of Latin Legal Terms and Other Foreign Terminologies" by Dr. Tomas Andres, "On the Genealogies and Geographies of Philosophical and Theological Thinking" by Paul Matheny, and "Understanding Psychiatric Nursing Practice: Psychodynamic Approach" by Estella Garcia.

Meanwhile, Elizabeth Ong's "Equipments, Pictorials & For A While" is a book which lists 284 common mistakes Filipinos make in the English language.

Finally, there is "Great Scott!"—a 672-page compilation of pieces of the late American ethno-historian William Henry Scott, edited by New Day executive director Bezalie B. Uc-Kung.

Also offered are comic books, inspirational materials, devotional and other family-oriented reading at especially discounted prices.

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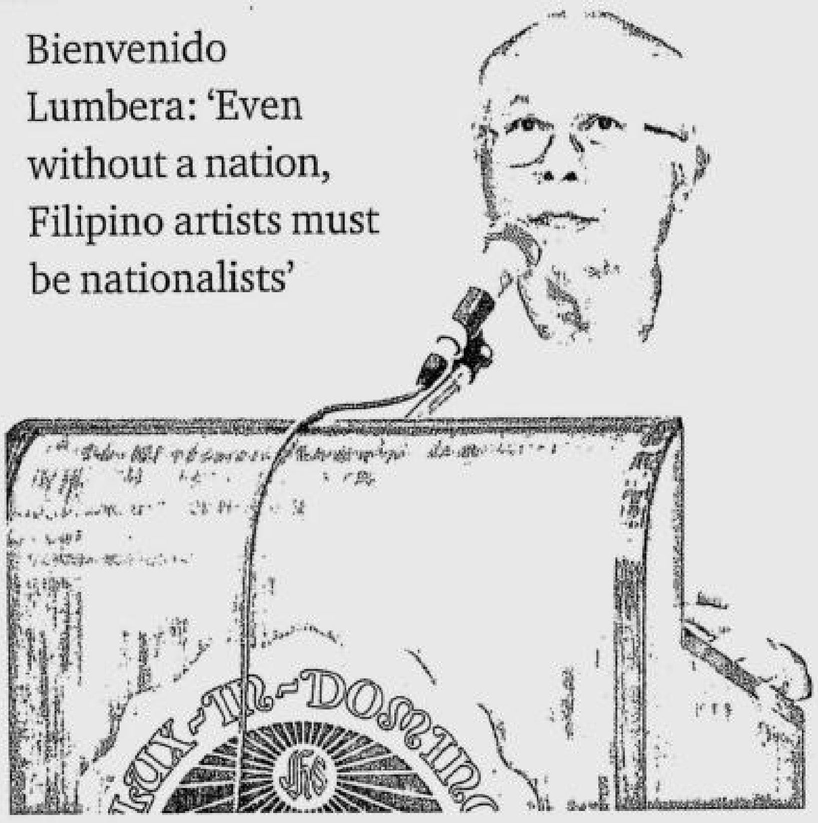
Bienvenido Lumbera: 'Even without a nation, Filipino artists must be nationalists'



Should National Artists be nationalists?

By Amadis Ma. Guerrero
Contributor

THE NATIONAL ARTIST AWARD IS 34 years old this year, with 58 artists to date in the exalted lineup. At certain times, these awards have been attended by controversies. Four awards, deserved or otherwise, have been made due to presidential prerogative.

What is the rationale for the National Artist Award, asks Bienvenido Lumbera, himself a National Artist awardee this year (for literature).

Lumbera—literary historian, critic, poet and playwright—spoke during the recent opening of "Lupang Hinirang" (The National Artist Lectures), sponsored by Kritika Kultura and the Department of English, Ateneo de Manila University.

He called attention to the fact that the Award is now a Cultural Order known as the Order of National Artists: "fourth in precedence among the orders and decorations that comprise the Honors of the Philippines, and equal in rank to the Order National Scientists and National Living Treasures Award" (Executive Order No. 236, Sept. 19, 2003).

Among the "Criteria for Selection" as specified by the Order is having contributed to "building a Filipino sense of nationhood."

The poet hammered on this theme: "nation," and "a sense of nationhood."

Three centuries under Spain and half a century under the United States "had rendered the Filipinos with hardly a cultural heritage that they could claim as authentically their own," Lumbera observed.

Under the educational system, as far as arts and culture were concerned, oral culture was "unscientific," while the books expounded on art as this was practiced by Western artists. As a result of the colonial mold, the lecturer said, the uniqueness and originality of specific Filipino works did not surface.

The situation, however, has changed for the better, somewhat: "Today, awareness of the need to define norms native to Filipino cultural production has begun to seep into the consciousness of the Philippine academe. Such awareness heralds a brighter future for Philippine art as a distinct product of a people with its own history and culture."

Thus, the rationale for the National Artist Award is clear: "The Filipino people need to be reminded at every turn of their social life that we are in the grip of a struggle (for nationhood and national identity) that we cannot break away from. We are a people without a nation, a people in constant risk of losing our identity."

Lumbera concluded: "The National Artist Award insists that even without a nation, Filipino artists must be nationalists, artists whose triumphs are landmarks toward the eventual achievement of a genuine 'sense of Filipino nationhood.'"

The "Lupang Hinirang" lectures resume in September at the Ateneo University Escaler Hall, with National Artist for Theater Salvador Bernal as guest speaker.

Book of journeys by Alice Villadolid

JUST OFF THE PRESS IS "JOURNEYS for the Spirit," a travel book by veteran journalist Alice Colet-Villadolid.

Described in the book are visits to the Cordillera mountain provinces on assignment from the New York Times when Villadolid was Philippine correspondent in the 1970s. Also included are her writings when she was commissioner for cultural dissemination of the the National Commission for Culture and the Arts in the late 1990s.

Profiles of Dominican saints and their relevance today are presented by Colet-Villadolid from her readings and experiences as a student of the University of Santo Tomas, where she earned her A.B., summa cum laude, and later, M.A. in Communication.

Also described and illustrated with pictures are churches and monasteries in Italy visited by the author in the 1990s when her husband Oscar was Philippine ambassador to the Holy See and to the Order of Malta.

The opening chapter is about the elegant St. Michael's church in Munich, Germany, when the author visited her daughter Anna, who was then a principal soloist at the Munich Ballet Company. It is linked to the story of the San Miguel Pro-Cathedral in Manila as described by National Artist Nick Joaquin.

The foreword of "Journeys for the Spirit" was written by Dr. Dennis T. Gonzalez, chair of the National Book Development Board.

Arts fest features ballet concert

FOR THE SECOND SHOW OF THE MCO Arts Festival 2006, "Saludo Filipino!," the Manila Chamber Orchestra Foundation and Equitable PCI Bank present a ballet concert featuring the works of Filipino choreographers Jojo Lucila, Myra Beltran, Ianne Damian, Stephen Biadoma, Jun Saagundo and Arnie Umayam.

To perform the dance works are dancers of the Vella C. Damian School of Ballet Inc. and Dance Concert Company, with guest artists from the Chameleon Dance Company and Neo Nescas.

The show is on Sept. 3, 4 p.m., at the Francisco Santiago Hall, Mezzanine, Equitable PCI Bank, Tower I, Makati Ave. and H.V. dela Costa St., Makati City. Call 8784359 and 8407000 local 2630, or e-mail mcofoundation@netasia.net.

Philippine book bags award in Bangkok

ProcARTination

UNDERSCORING EXCELLENT PHILIPPINE craftsmanship in printing, a book by visual artist Dopy Doplon was recently conferred a Best in Print award in Bangkok, Thailand, by HP Indigo, a line of presses by Hewlett Packard that caters to professional printing houses.

Competing against entries from Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia and other Asean countries, the work by established artist Doplon, who trained in Fine Arts at UST, was described by ProcArtination as an expert blending photography and visual graphics through computer imaging. It was one of two winning entries chosen by judges. The book, produced by Digital Fox, a division of commercial house GA Printing, was cited for its top-caliber work. Unlike other books, only five copies of the volume were produced by the Makati-based company.

The book print run of five copies marks a revolutionary departure from standard practice, according to Cherry Pelaez-Salazar, president of GA Printing, which specializes in brochures, annual reports, menus, manuals, and other material that require high standards of craftsmanship. She relates that Digital Fox was set up to specialize in this new technology developed by HP Indigo which has made possible the speedy delivery of high-quality work at reduced costs.

While desktop laser printers with toners attempt to provide the same benefit, they are limited in their capacity to reproduce all the hues and specific tonal values. Digital Fox technology combines the flexibility of digital printing with offset quality. "In fact, we make use of offset ink," says Salazar. "Even printers can't tell the difference between what's been printed on our HP Indigo digital offset machine and a regular Heidelberg offset press."

This digital offset technology would be particularly attractive to authors, artists, poets and other creative individuals in small markets like the Philippines. "For too long, local artists and writers have shied away from publishing books because regular offset technology requires large print runs," says Salazar.

Since Digital Fox pioneered in digital offset printing last year, it has produced memoirs, personal travel books and family photo books with print runs of only 200 pieces or less for satisfied clients.

Moreover, digital offset printing does away with color separation—which makes limited print runs very affordable. Salazar explains that stripping and plating are all eliminated in this revolutionary process. The machine can produce printed works straight from the CD in minutes. It also allows clients to customize and personalize materials as well as run an almost infinite set of book and brochure editions—each edition catering to a specific audience.

Magsaysay Award profiles of greatness in new volumes

Great Men and Women of ASIA
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"GREAT MEN AND WOMEN OF Asia" Volumes 3-5, which collect the profiles of recipients of the Ramon Magsaysay Awards, will be launched Aug. 29, 11 a.m. at the RM Memorial Hall of the Ramon Magsaysay Center in Roxas Boulevard, Manila.

The collection captures the awardees' sterling lifework and the award's tradition of "greatness of spirit in selfless service to the people" in a popular, easy-to-read style.

The initial volume, which came out in 2004, presents 15 awardees from the award's first decade, 1958-1967, among them the Dalai Lama, Mother Teresa, Akira Kurosawa, Satyajit Ray, Tarzie Vittachi, and James Yen.

A geographical approach has been adopted for the ensuing volumes to give readers the breadth of the award's coverage, and the many ways by which Magsaysay awardees continue to define the spirit of selfless service of President Magsaysay.

The second and third volumes feature awardees from South Asia (India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, Bhutan, Bangladesh and Nepal).

The fourth and fifth volumes are on laureates from Northeast Asia (Japan, China, Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong).

The sixth, seventh and eighth volumes will be on awardees from Southeast Asia. The ninth and last will focus on organization winners. The winners for 2006-2007 will also be included in the last volume.

Noted writer Lorna Kalaw Tirol is editor of the third volume. Deputy editors are Rustie Otico, Angelina Goloy and Girlie Naguit.

Goloy edited the fourth and fifth volumes, with help from Naguit, Babeth Lolarga and Neni Sta. Romana Cruz.

Anvil Publishing is co-publishing the books with RM Awards Foundation.

New book for children

UNIONBANK, WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF Education and Adarna House, recently launched "As A Filipino," a book to reaffirm the Filipino child's pride for his country and for himself.

"As A Filipino" was commissioned for UnionBank to address the three objectives of the Philippine public school system—values formation, foster reading and comprehension, and cultivate love of country.

"As A Filipino" was conceptualized and executed by Maria Gonzalez Goolsby, UnionBank CSR executive director, and written and illustrated by Marcy Dans Lee. In both English and Filipino ("Bilang Isang Filipino"), the book aims to instill among Filipino children the virtue of *pagmamalasakit* or concern for others.

Women on the verge

BART Guingona, Bituin Escalante and Michael Williams in Actor's Actors Inc.'s "Death and the Maiden," directed by Guingona

By Gibbs Cadiz

IT'S BEEN RAINING WOMEN IN local theater these past months—and hallelujah to that.

After the sassy, saucy girls of the musical revue "We're Still Hot," led by Pinky Marquez, and Cherie Gil's spellbinding turn in Atlantis Productions' "Doubt" at the RCBC Theater, three more extraordinary female characters have recently ended their moments on Manila's stages: Maria Callas, embodied with fierce energy by Jay Glorioso in the Philippine Opera Company's production of Terrence McNally's "Master Class;" Paulina Escobar, the vengeful ex-political prisoner played by Bituin Escalante in Actor's Actors Inc.'s "Death and the Maiden;" and Lady Torrance/Regina Torralba, the tragic heroine of Tennessee Williams' "Orpheus Descending," incarnated on the Tanghalang Pilipino stage by Shamaine Centenera-Buencamino.

"Orpheus" is one of the playwright's lesser-known works, but in theme and tone it is quintessential Williams—an impassioned examination of how tradition, conformity and propriety can be wielded to snuff out desire, passion, independent thought, life itself.

As with Blanche DuBois in "A Streetcar Named Desire," Serafina Delle Rose in "The Rose Tattoo" or Karen Stone in Williams' novel "The Roman Spring of Mrs. Stone," "Orpheus" heroine, Lady Torrance, is at once a stubborn, emotional, mature but not necessarily knowing woman who is an outcast in the circles she moves in, "different" in various ways from the herd, and so becomes the object of suspicion and hostility from peers and neighbors.

Eternal outsider

In TP's "Orfeo sa Impiyerno," Lady Torrance had become Regina Torralba, a middle-aged woman trapped in a brutish marriage to a dying local kingpin (Mario O'Hara, terrifying). Regina, with her broad Visayan accent, is an eternal outsider looking in on the clammy, feverishly intolerant Tagalog town that now spends its days clucking about her impending widowhood.

NEIL Ryan Sese and Shamaine Centenera-Buencamino as tragic lovers in Tanghalang Pilipino's "Orfeo sa Impiyerno," directed by Jose Estrella and adapted by George de Jesus from Tennessee Williams' "Orpheus Descending"

Into this hell comes her Orpheus in the form of Val (Neil Ryan Sese), a virile, wandering guitar player who applies for work in her store. Soon, he becomes more than just a hired help, and their inevitable descent into tragedy constitutes a classic Williams jeremiad against the oppression of the weak by the strong.

Sese, exuding genuine heat, played Val with a bit more bluster than necessary. Of the fine supporting cast, two were exceptional: Mailes Kanapi as the sensitive town hussy Carol, and Peewee O'Hara as the piety-addled wife of the *hepe* (Lorli Villanueva would have loved this role).

George de Jesus' exacting adaptation transposed the squalid American South to the violent feudal milieu of Central Luzon in the 1960s, with warlords and their tattling wives holding sway over the populace.

In its suffocating feel and tone, keyed to a delirious pitch somewhere between gothic and naturalistic, this "Orfeo" summoned in moments the same dank, overheated small-town atmosphere in Lino Brocka's "Tinimbang Ka Ngunit Kulang." That sprawling emotionalism had its rewards under Jose Estrella's generous direction, which mined poignant truths from Williams' Sturm und Drang.

At the vortex of that storm was Buencamino, who was phenomenal.

So thoroughly felt was her performance that, in a frenzied scene where Regina was trying to prevent Val from leaving by taking possession of his precious guitar, Buencamino's taut, proud face suddenly dissolved into a small giggle, as she realized the absurd lengths her newfound passion had taken her. It was a fleeting but telling gesture, the kind that implied this actress had reached the white-hot, radioactive center of her character's heart.

Greatest practitioner

Outsize feelings were also the norm in Philippine Opera Company's "Master Class," directed by Michael Williams. The subject, after all, was opera—annotated, dissected and exalted by no less than its greatest practitioner: Maria Callas, La Divina herself.

In Terrence Mcnally's richly imagined meditation on the alchemical symbiosis of life, love and art, Callas' interactions with novice opera singers (based on actual master classes she conducted in New York in 1971) provides a window into the full flower of her genius: how she used her life experiences, from her destitute childhood in Greece to her unhappy years with Aristotle Onassis, to inform and elevate her craft.

Callas in "Master Class" is a powerhouse role, and Jay Glorioso stepped up to the plate magnificently. Like the character she was bringing to life onstage, this actress didn't seem like to the manor born. The hauteur she projected, the majestic sense of entitlement—all were clearly the result of someone pulling herself up by sheer self-regard and talent. Brava to such a funny, fearsome, tender, commanding, and finally moving performance.

Ana Feleo, Karla Gutierrez and Ceejay Javier were persuasive in supporting parts. It was the tenor John Glen Gaerlan who let rip with a glorious "Recondita Armonia" from "Tosca," which in the text touched Callas enough to make her cry, and in this show had us misty eyed, too.

Political melodrama

Williams the director of "Master Class" gave way a few weeks later to Williams the actor, this time as the third wheel in Ariel Dorfman's political cliffhanger "Death and the Maiden," under co-star Bart Guingona's direction.

They were joined by Bituin Escalante, the much-lauded musical theater actress who was making her straight-play debut in the AAI production at the RCBC Theater.

Escalante is nowhere near middle age, and her character, Paulina Escobar, could conceivably be only in her late 30s. But Paulina's hellish past in the hands of the former military regime has aged her and, quite possibly, driven her off the deep end.

So when a stranger she believes is her past torturer comes to her home, she assaults him, ties him to a chair, and proceeds to put him on trial, with her husband, lawyer Gerardo Escobar (Guingona), serving as counsel. The bizarre setup becomes the soapbox from which Dorfman asks hard questions about restitution and forgiveness, truth and justice ("People can die from an excessive dose of the truth!" so goes one argument), the costs of the political on the personal.

Paulina, forever on the verge of hysteria, was a physically ideal part for Escalante. Her compact, lynx-like energy onstage has always been compelling, and her earthy features seemed to validate a past spent in the activist trenches.

It's painful to report, therefore, that Escalante was out of her depth in this intermittently absorbing play. She was effective in moments, and had the requisite surface cues down pat—the uncontrolled shaking, the rumpled hair, the quivering voice, the moments when she'd strike her head with her fists. It was a classic madwoman act, self-conscious and superficial, as if a deeper level of icy fury was just beyond the actress' reach.

Guingona was, as usual, intense—forceful even in passivity. But Williams, as Dr. Roberto Miranda the alleged torturer, posed quite a pickle.

Gene Hackman first played this role on Broadway, then Ben Kingsley in Roman Polanski's film version (which went the tepid way by discarding the play's crisp ambiguity). There's a reason these actors were chosen for the part. They ooze, even in stillness, a potent sense of danger, a frisson of malevolence that keeps the air around them charged with inexplicable tension.

Williams' scrupulously decent Dr. Miranda hinted at no such undertones. Perhaps it was the production's point—that evil could reside in even the most likable and ordinary-looking of individuals. The lack of sinister subtext, however, threw the play's sense of tension off-key. Every time this Dr. Miranda protested his innocence, we were more than ready to believe him. There went Escalante's heroic attempts at outrage.

Despite its high-minded themes, "Death and the Maiden" is constructed like a Costa-Gavras thriller. This staging played more like a literate, earnest clash of ideas. As a political melodrama, it got the politics right, but fell short of the drama.

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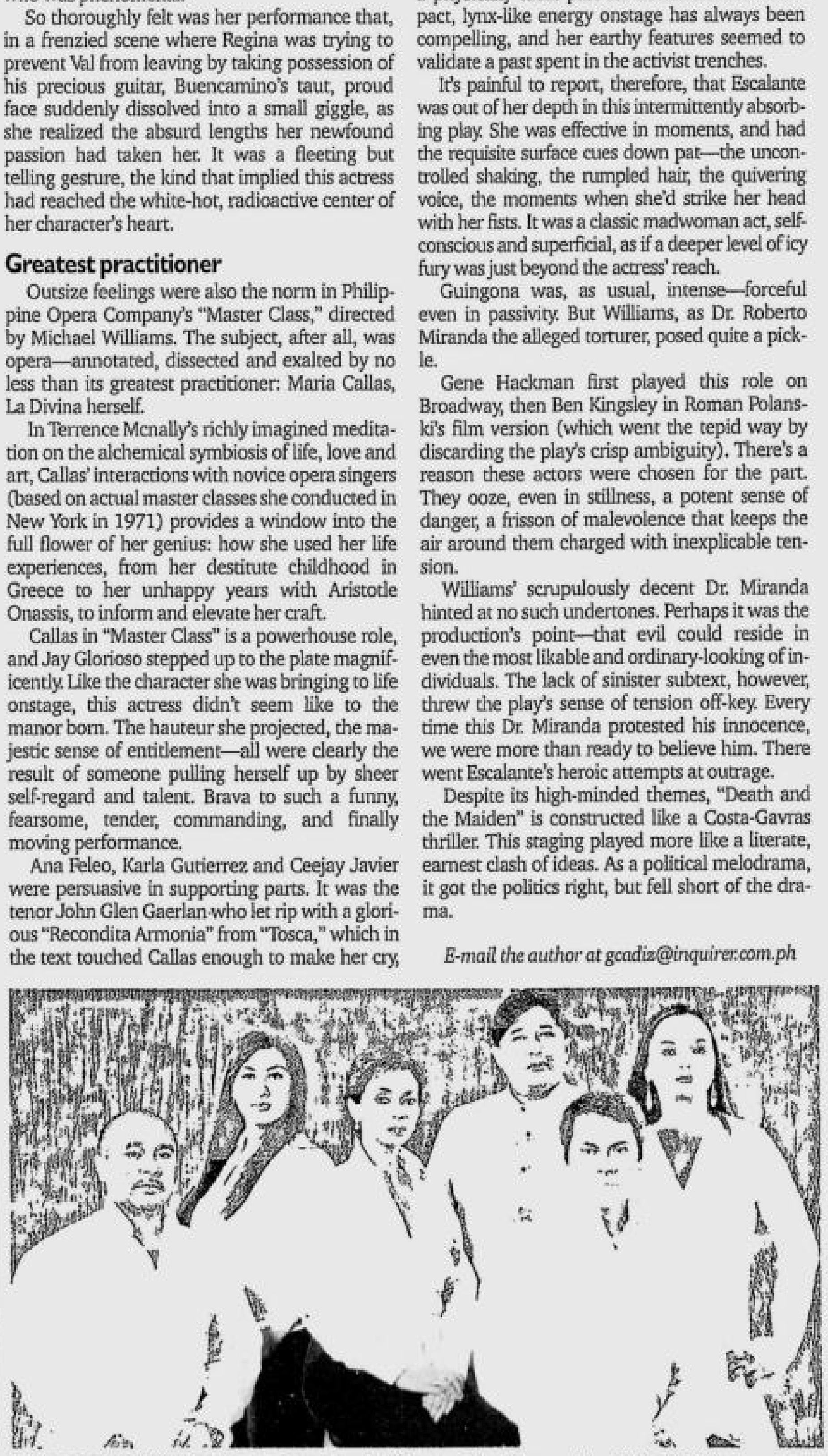

THE CAST of Philippine Opera Company's "Master Class," staged by Michael Williams (second from right). Jay Glorioso (center, seated) played Maria Callas.

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'Grey's Anatomy' is Emmy favorite

LOS ANGELES—ABC'S HIT MEDICAL drama "Grey's Anatomy" is favored to win the top award at Sunday's (this morning in Manila) Emmy Awards and foil a bid by newly departed NBC political saga "The West Wing" for a record fifth term as US television's best drama series.

TV pundits say first-time nominee "Grey's Anatomy," coming off its breakthrough season as one of prime time's most watched shows, also faces a strong challenge from Fox's spy thriller "24," a perennial Emmy contender.

Two other nominees are considered long shots in this year's Emmy drama race—Fox's hospital show "House" and HBO's gangster hit and past Emmy winner, "The Sopranos."

In the contest for Best Comedy Series, the heavy favorite is NBC's workplace satire "The Office," adapted from a British series of the same name. Its star, Steve Carell, is the consensus pick as best comedic actor for his role as clueless boss Michael Scott.

The stars of two lesser-known cable series, Denis Leary of the FX firefighting drama "Rescue Me" and Kyra Sedgwick from TNT's cop show "The Closer," are seen as front-run-

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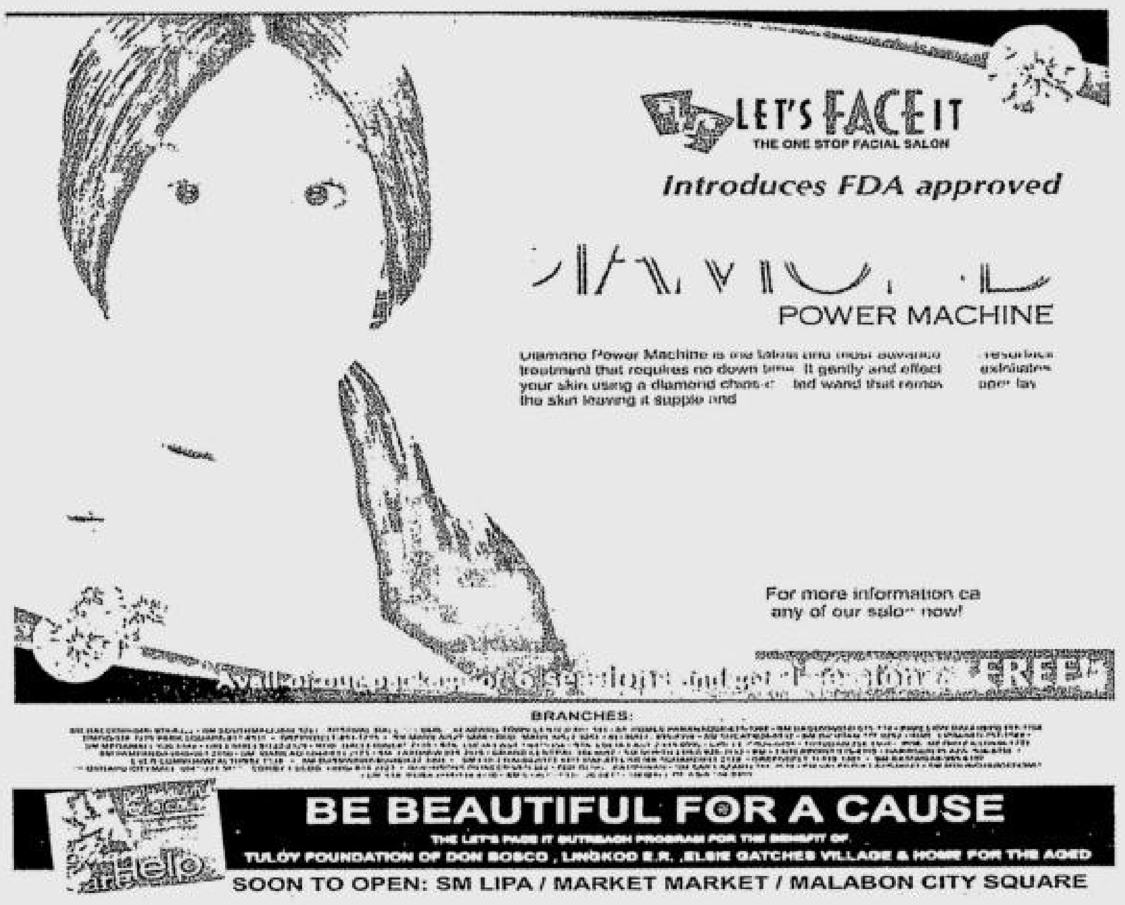

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'Idol' satire takes full advantage of its material

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

"AMERICAN IDOL" IS A POP-cultural phenomenon just waiting to be spoofed. The show is much more than the most popular program on American television, it's a symbol of the depth *and* shallowness of the now near-universal longing for stardom, especially in this age of celebrity worship.

It's the Cinderella story given a video vamp, with a microphone filling in for the scullery main's princess slipper, and **Simon Cowell** coming on strong and stinky as the new Prince Uncharming.

What makes "American Idol" such a hit with viewers? It gives them a visceral thrill to see utter unknowns like themselves become stars in only a few months. Even better, it's those viewers themselves who make that modern miracle happen with their text votes.

That imbues them with a feeling of power that they don't have in their own lives, and it sure does salve their overarching sense of impotence and frustration.

Thus, "American Idol" has become more than it ever hoped to be, in both its positive and freaky manifestations. Its propensity for freakiness is what has given the show its campy character, and camp attracts not just dingbat devotees but satirists as well.

Now comes "American Dreamz," the first all-out satire on the hit TV show, and we're happy to report that it takes full advantage of its material's comedic and instructive possibilities.

In fact, it takes them to "absurd" lengths, heights and depths, all the way past the American heartland, into its political and ethical core.

Believe, for two spaced-out hours, that the popular talent search, now titled, "American Dreamz," has become a success magnet that draws not just stellar wannabes, but also terrorists and the US president himself!

They're all riding on the show's proven capacity for providing the most-viewed showcase for anything—including the president's need to score populist points by serving as a special guest judge in the tilt's finals, and the terrorists' desire to blow him up in full view of billions of televiewers, courtesy of a bomb strapped to a finalist's chest.

It's the height of freakiness, but it works, writer-director **Paul Weitz** and his actors play the far-out premise for real.

Hugh Grant is a big star, but many of his portrayals haven't exactly been acclaimed. As a crusty Cowell clone in this movie, however, he comes into his own as a satirical thespian imbued with perfect aim.

Mandy Moore, another heretofore lightweight star, also benefits from her involvement in this film. She plays a finalist who's all sweetness and light on the outside, but is as cynical and "user-friendly" as Grant's character in her nasty heart of hearts.

Newcomer **Sam Golzari** portrays the terrorist-finalist Omer, with a compelling combination of determination and naïveté. Other superior portrayals are turned in by **Dennis Quaid** as the US president, **Willem Dafoe** as his chief of staff and veritable puppeteer, and **Chris Klein** as Moore's patsy of a boyfriend.

Even "unknown" actors do exciting work here, especially **Shohreh Aghdashloo** (!) as Omer's wacky aunt, and **Tony Yalda** as his ambitious but untalented cousin.

Beyond the fine performances, however, it's this film's theme that gets top marks from delighted viewers. Sure, it's far-out and outlandish, but it does say a lot about the overarching dreams and self-serving subliminal motivations that compromise the (pop) culture today.

It's a cautionary reminder that the instant Idol has feet of clay and that cynical Dreamz have a nasty way of turning into—Nightmarez!

'Cardinal Sin Day'

FROM 7 to 11:30 a.m. on Sept. 2, "Cardinal Sin Day" will be celebrated at Cardinal Sin Village, Punta, Sta. Ana, Paco, Manila. There will be a morning Mass and animal blessing. Compassion and Responsibility for Animals (Cara) will give free rabies vaccination for all dogs and cats.

At the CCP

EXHIBITS at the Cultural Center of the Philippines: from Aug. 31 to Sept. 30, "Isinapapel," featuring works by Cathy Casam at the Small Gallery; from Aug. 31 to Sept. 30 at the fourth floor hallway, "Delicatessen," by **Kristofer Ardeña**. Call 832-3702.

Why Binoe wants to do more indies

Text and photo by Nini Valera

"I WAITED A LONG TIME for this award. Finally, I got it," Robin Padilla told INQUIRER Entertainment on Friday about bagging this year's Gawad Urian for Best Actor in director Mark Meily's "La Visa Loca," produced by Unitel Films.

"I'm thankful to God and to all the people who still trust in me," he added, speaking in Filipino. "It's like all the good things I've done have been rewarded. Maybe, I have not been selfish, so the blessings don't stop coming."

More satisfaction

Robin, 36, said he finds more satisfaction working in independent films like "La Visa Loca" rather than in mainstream, commercial movies.

In "La Visa," Robin is Jess Huson, whose obsession with getting a US visa reflects every Filipino's American dream. It was a part made for him, said Robin.

"I told the producer (Tony Gloria) I could play that part very well," he related. "For two years I'd been trying to get a visa to any country with no success. I knew I could give justice to the role because I had undergone all the hardships and heartbreaks of the character in the movie."

Robin's conviction for illegal possession of firearms in 1995 had apparently caused all his visa problems. Until now, Robin has not been able to obtain a Canadian visa even if he already holds US and Australian visas.

The actor, who was identified with "bad boy" roles in the '90s, admitted that he still preferred action to romantic roles.

Just the kissing

"The only thing good about romantic movies are the kissing scenes," he jested.

Doing indie movies like "La Visa Loca" and "Blackout," also produced by Unitel, is his way of contributing to what he called a revolution in local movies.

"I shouldn't let my career revolve around commercialism," said Robin. "Let's give that to the kids. You can ask Mr. Gloria. I volunteer to make films for him that major studios won't do. How would we know what films would click in the international market if we don't try them first?"

Robin had to let go of his paycheck in "Blackout."

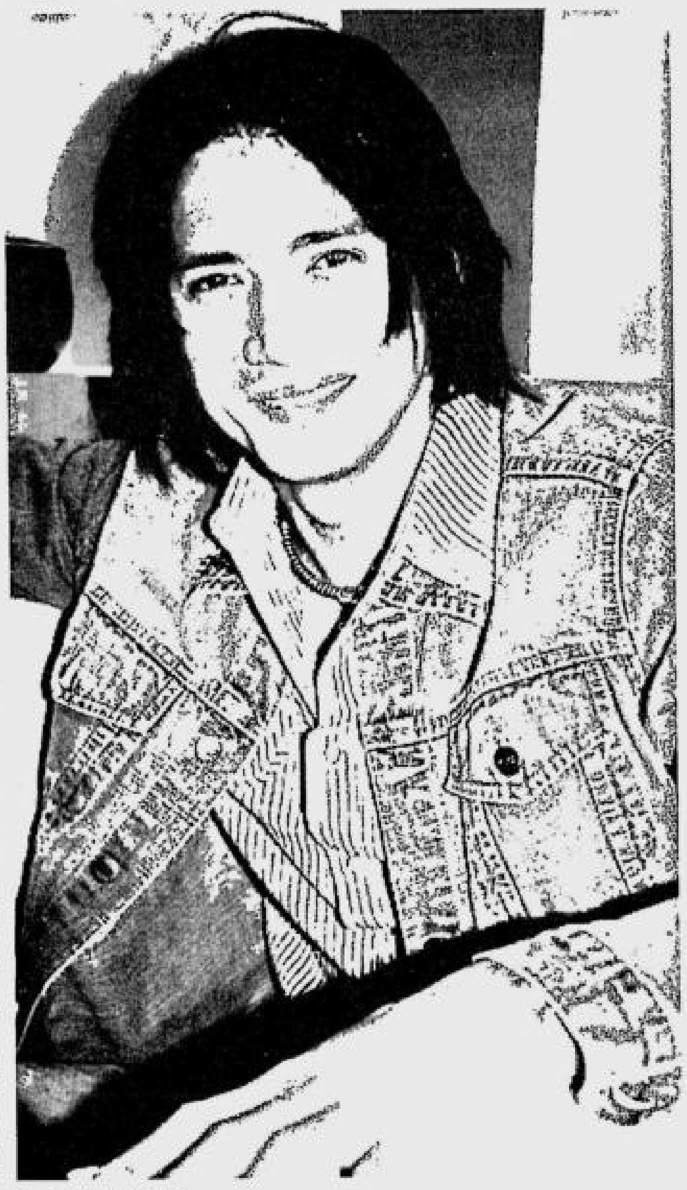
"I was given only an allowance to pay for my security men during shootings," he said. "In 'La Visa Loca,' I was given a small salary. Until now, the producers have not recouped their investment in that movie."

Sharon Cuneta was one of the investors in the movie.

Foundation

"Till I Met You," Robin's movie for GMA Films, is about making a living and being able to sustain his foundation, Liwanag ng Kapayapaan, through which he built a school for Muslim children.

"I don't accept anything from anybody, from any politician," said Robin about the foundation's financing. "If I did, there would no longer be sincerity in helping others."



ROBIN PADILLA

Breaking through

Robin also sees indie movies as his way of breaking through the international market.

"Among Asians, Filipinos have all the advantages," he said. "We can speak English and we know how to act. English is a problem to most Asians."

In "Blackout," Robin plays a dark character whose mind has been twisted by poverty and desperation. To get into the role, Robin stayed on the set—a row of decaying apartments in Cubao. The movie would first take the international film fest route before opening here early next year.

"What I really want to do next is an action movie, an indie action movie," said Robin. "I'd like it to be a Pinoy version of Quentin Tarantino's films."

ROUNDUP

'Probe' on divorce

IN A LANDMARK DECISION MADE BY THE SUPREME COURT TWO months ago, Soledad Escritor won a case over Alejandro Estrada, who had sued her for "disgraceful and immoral conduct" as a government employee.

Escritor had executed a Declaration of Pledging of Faithfulness to Luciano Quilapio Jr. in Jehovah's Witness' rites in the 1990s while they were still legally married to other people. She said this was as good as a wedding and had the blessing of their God.

In the Aug. 30 episode of ABS-CBN's "Probe," Ricky Carandang finds out the implications of this court decision.

'Mr. 3000'

Bernie Mac is Stan Ross in the comedy "Mr. 3000," which airs Aug. 30, 9 p.m. on Star Movies.

Mac portrays a man who, smack in the middle of his middle-age retirement, gets a wake-up call that forces him to start over, with hilariously humbling, and ultimately unexpected results.

Given a rare opportunity to do things right the second time around, will Stan be able to seize it?

Buddhism special

Discovery Channel takes a look at Buddhism in the 20th century with "The Boy With Divine Powers" and "Born Again Buddhists" in a two-hour special that premieres Sept. 3 at 9 p.m.

Fifteen-year-old Ram Bahadur Bamjan has been meditating under a banyan tree in the dense forest at Bara's Ratanpuri, in Central Nepal since May 16, 2005, earning himself the name "Buddha reincarnate." His friends and relatives say he has been meditating without food or water and that he will carry on for another six years until he gains enlightenment.

As tens of thousands of pilgrims flock to the site, "The Boy With Divine Powers" will explore whether this is an extreme demonstration of power or whether the boy's claims are no more than an elaborate and commercially successful hoax.

The special encores Sept. 4 at 3 a.m. and 2 p.m., Sept. 9 at 2 p.m., and Sept. 10 at 8 a.m.

AOL sells movies

NEW YORK—"Hitch," "24" and "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" are among the movies and television shows that AOL will sell through its new video portal under deals it has forged with major Hollywood studios.

The partnerships, announced Thursday, represent the Internet company's latest efforts to become the destination for online video as it tries to offset revenues it expects to lose from a recent decision to drop subscription fees for many high-speed customers.

Older Sony hits such as "Charlie's Angels," "Starsky & Hutch," and "SWAT" will be shown for free, but with ads.

AOL already has a partnership with Warner Bros., called "In2TV," for free showings of classics like "Welcome Back Kotter," "Sisters" and "Growing Pains."

Anick Jesdanun, AP

No regrets for Patrice: I'd do it all again

PATRICE Pike

By Fran Katigbak

PATRICE PIKE, RESIDENT PUNK-ROCK ARtist on "Rock Star: Supernova," was eliminated from the competition last week after she was cast in the bottom three rankings for the fourth time.

The reality TV show is a search for new group Supernova's front man. Three rock superstars—guitarist Gilby Clarke (Guns N' Roses), bassist Jason Newsted (Metallica) and drummer Tommy Lee (Motley Crew)—make up the band and selection panel.

Pike was a professional musician at 16. She has since become an award-winning singer-songwriter, co-producing numerous independent and major label records with her former bands. She has toured the United States and Western Europe.

Apart from being a multi-instrumentalist, Pike is into yoga, martial arts, and humanitarian work.

In an exclusive phone interview with INQUIRER Entertainment, she talked about these interests and how music can contribute to social justice.

INQUIRER EXCLUSIVE

> On 'Rock Star,' she says she learned the value of every moment and how to push herself to do better each time

How young were you when you got interested in music?

I started playing the violin when I was 3 and continued for about four years. [Now] I also play the guitar and drums.

Who were your early musical influences?

I grew up listening to a lot of guitar-oriented rock music like Led Zeppelin, Rolling Stones, Cream, Blind Faith. I also listened to a lot of Motown, like Stevie Wonder.

You're into yoga, martial arts, traveling, and humanitarian work. How do you fit all these in your schedule?

The great thing about martial arts and yoga is you can do it anywhere.

Tell us about your humanitarian work.

I do a lot of work with activists for social justice, mostly music-[related] like raising funds.

You said one of the things you learned on the show was to not take any moment for granted. Prior to that insight, how often did you catch yourself being lazy?

It's really rare that I get lazy or uninspired. I feel really fortunate that music's been my job for my whole life. But... it sort of sometimes goes into auto-pilot.

You've been working on a record for two years. Is that your first?

No, I've done many, many records. I was in a band called Sister Seven. We made eight records, some independent and some for major labels.

So now, are you going solo or would you rather work with another band?

I've made one solo record; this is my second.

On the show, you've had conflicts with some of the rockers. How did you settle things, especially with Jill Gioia and Ryan Star?

Those arguments were very short misunderstandings and were resolved very quickly.

Dave Navarro dished out tough criticism on your performances the past few weeks. What did you think of that?

At times it was confusing. One of the challenges of the contest was to figure out the criticisms by yourself in terms of details. It really pushed me to be more over-the-top and have more energy.

What was the best thing about being on "Rock Star: Supernova?"

I think my best experience, because I love performing, was doing "Celebrity Skin" and my song "Beautiful Thing."

Do you regret being eliminated before getting the chance to rock with Supernova onstage?

I have no regrets. I'd do it all again.

"Rock Star: Supernova" airs on Star World every Wednesday, 8:30 a.m., and Thursday, 8 a.m., with replays every Wednesday and Thursday at 8 p.m.

'Grey's Anatomy' is Emmy favorite

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ners for the lead dramatic acting honors.

This year's Emmys are being closely watched by the TV industry as a test of new nomination rules designed to give newcomers and smaller networks a better shot at the major categories.

One group of TV critics taking part in an odds-making poll picked "Grey's Anatomy" to edge out "24"—competing in 12 categories as the most nominated series overall this year—in the race for Best Drama.

If "West Wing" manages an upset, the White House drama starring Martin Sheen will enter the Emmy record books with an unprecedented fifth victory as Best Drama (surpassing four-time winners "Hill Street Blues" and "LA Law"). It also would be the first show named Best Drama after ending its network run.

Moreover, with Sheen and co-stars Allison Janney and Alan Alda considered strong contenders in three acting categories, "West Wing" stands a good chance of at least tying the record now held by "Hill Street Blues" for the most prime-time Emmys overall, 26, amassed by a single drama.

The 58th annual Primetime Emmy Awards, hosted by NBC late-night comedian Conan O'Brien, will be broadcast live from the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles. (Locally, it will be aired on Studio 23 today, 8 to 11 a.m.) *Steve Gorman, Reuters*

KYRA Sedgwick a Best Actress nominee for "The Closer"

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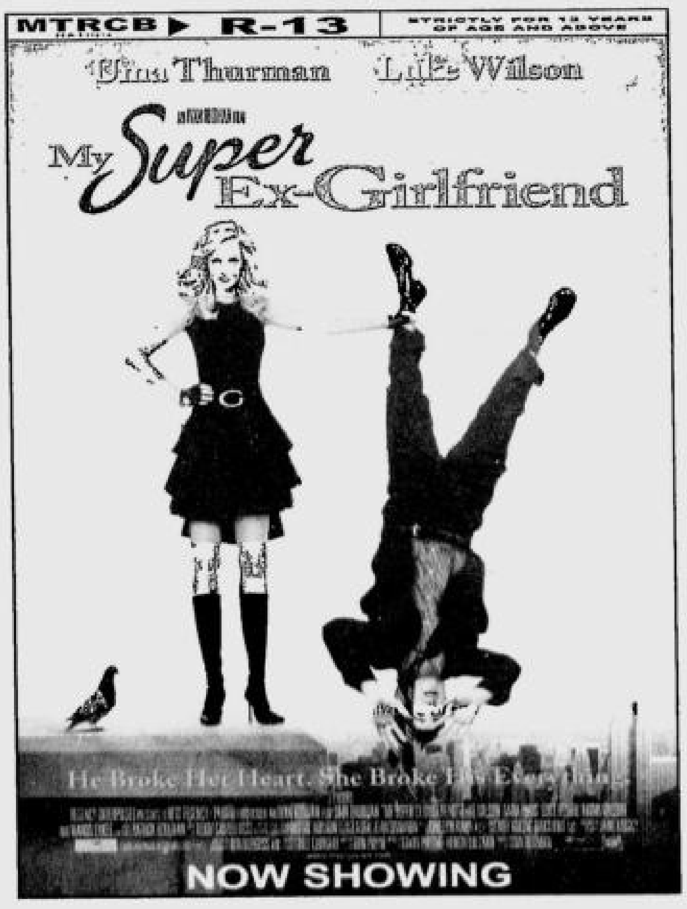

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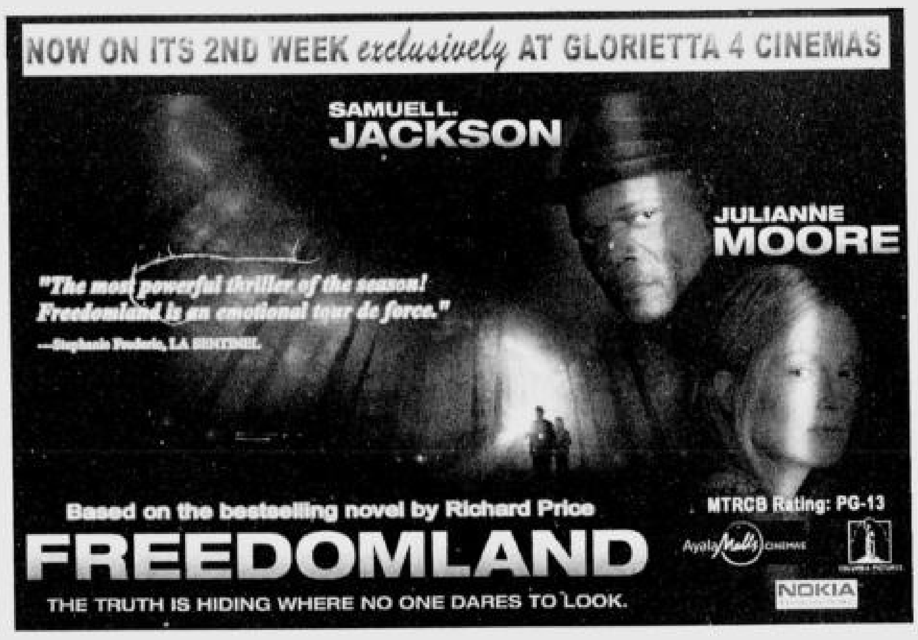

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FrancisM on 'Idol's' top 24: Now we'll really see

THE GIRLS, from left: Paula Patricia Chavez, Yasmin Rose Median, Riga Lei Pangan, Maureen Marcelo, Ira Patricia Marasigan, Armari Lourdes Cruz, Erika Jill Bautista, Christina Otero, Stephanie Lazaro Bainbrige, Abigail Blanco, Cherry Ann Chui and Jellica Marie Mateo

THE BOYS: Giancarlo Magdangal, Miguel Mendoza, Jan Kurt Nieto, Jasper Onyx Culala, Joseph Astor, Robert Bernadas, Reymond Sajor, Kenneth Dingle, Ramirr Grepo, Freddie Cabael, Christian Masaga, and Paul Andrae Ybañez

By Marinel R. Cruz

INQUIRER EXCLUSIVE

"NOW WE WILL REALLY see those who would stop at nothing to get what they want, and those who are weak of heart."

Singer TV-host Francis Magalona was discussing with INQUIRER Entertainment his stepped-up job as a judge on ABC 5's "Philippine Idol," now that the 24 semi-finalists have been picked.

The two other judges are Asia's "Queen of Song" Pilita Corrales and master composer Ryan Cayabyab.

"We're all very excited," said Magalona, adding that, on the other hand, "it's a lot easier now."

He explained: "We're done with abruptly shattering dreams."

After five weeks of intense nationwide auditions, the judges finally announced the top 24 on Friday. For the next three weeks, the contenders will be divided into two groups—12 males and 12 females—each one performing a song of his or her choice.

Beginning Sept. 2, the two groups will alternately perform at SM Megamall Cinema 3, where a state-of-the-art "Philippine Idol" stage was built.

This marks the beginning of eliminations via SMS voting, until the final 12 emerge.

When all the contestants have sung, "Idol" host Ryan Agoncillo will announce the start of voting, which ends the following day. Every week, the two who get the lowest number of votes will be eliminated. The performances will be aired live on ABC 5 at 8 p.m.

"I know that, as a judge I have the power to sway votes," Magalona said. "But I won't abuse that power. I look at these kids as my own now. They've come a long way; they are the cream of the crop."

ARMARIE LOURDES CRUZ, 27, is the daughter of the late actor Mohammad Paizal. She has won in contests like "Awit Tanghalan " and the National Panasonic's Quest for the Best international held in Indonesia.

IRA PATRICIA MARASIGAN, 21, is the daughter of theater artist parents Dennis N. Marasigan and Irma Adlawan. She won her first singing contest at 5.

ABIGAIL BLANCO, 24, started singing at age 8. By the time she was 12, Gail was singing professionally in her hometown in Cebu. In Manila, she did commercial jingles.

ERIKA JILL BAUTISTA, 24, is hearing-impaired. Her mother says that, at age 4, under the care of a nanny, Erika had an accident that damaged her eardrum.

JELLICA MARIE MATEO, 23, says the late composer George Canseco, a family friend, told her she could sing. Currently, she sings in hotel lounges and bars.

PAULA PATRICIA "PAW" CHAVEZ, 23, says her story should inspire other young singers. She is, after all, a real survivor, having gone through a life-threatening ordeal when she was shot in the ear during a mugging incident.

RINA LEI PANGAN, 26, became a finalist of the Metropop Song Festival in 1998. She bagged the grand prize in ABC 5's "Singgaling ni Pops" on the same year.

CHRISTINA OTERO, 25, is a medical representative from a pharmaceutical company in Davao.

YASMIN ROSE MEDIAN, 26, a former band member, took time off from singing last year to be a full-time mother.

MAUREEN MARCELO, 26, has been a "staple" in singing tilts, but swears it is "Philippine Idol" that she's been most excited about.

STEPHANIE LAZARO BAINBRIDGE, 27, is an "Idol" old-timer, having joined and made it to the top 50 in the "Australian Idol" series.

CHERRY ANN CHUI, 22, sang the Sexbomb Girl's "Spageti Song" as her audition piece.

GIANCARLO MAGDANGAL, 24, was part of Trumpet Productions' "Footloose," "Little Mermaid" and "Once On This Island." He was also a member of the now-defunct group 17:28.

JOSEPH ASTOR, 27, is from Angeles City, Pampanga. Many claim he has a slight resemblance to heartthrob Piolo Pascual.

ROBERT BERNADAS, 26, says he joined "Idol" to break his family's "chain of poverty." This Cebuano is also into drawing, sketching, painting and acting.

KENNETH "CAJUN" DINGLE, 23, joined the fast-track screenings three times before the judges noticed him.

PAUL ANDRAE YBAÑEZ, 26, is an active volunteer at the Children's Garden of the Philippines and the Children Community Ministries—groups dedicated to saving the lives of street children.

FREDDIE CABAEL, 23, is in search of his African-American father who left him to live in the US.

REYMOND SAJOR, 27, was one of the winners in the 2003 Hamilton Talent Hunt in Canada. He has released an inspirational album here.

MIGUEL MENDOZA, 16, is the youngest, tallest and arguably the cutest of the top 24 finalists. He turned 16 when he joined the screenings at SM Dasmariñas.

JAN KURT NIETO, 24, works for Unilever Philippines and expects full support from his colleagues there, especially if he makes it to Top 12.

CHRISTIAN MASAGA, 26, is a medical technologist at the Philippine General Hospital. He used to be a stage performer and a band member.

JASPER ONYX CULALA, 25, is a philosophy graduate who sang his way around Europe as one of the UP Singing Ambassadors.

RAMIRR GREPO, 26, is a voice teacher at Yamaha and a band member in Baguio City. One of his compositions was adjudged Best Jingle for Redhorse "MusikLaban," a competition for unsigned bands.

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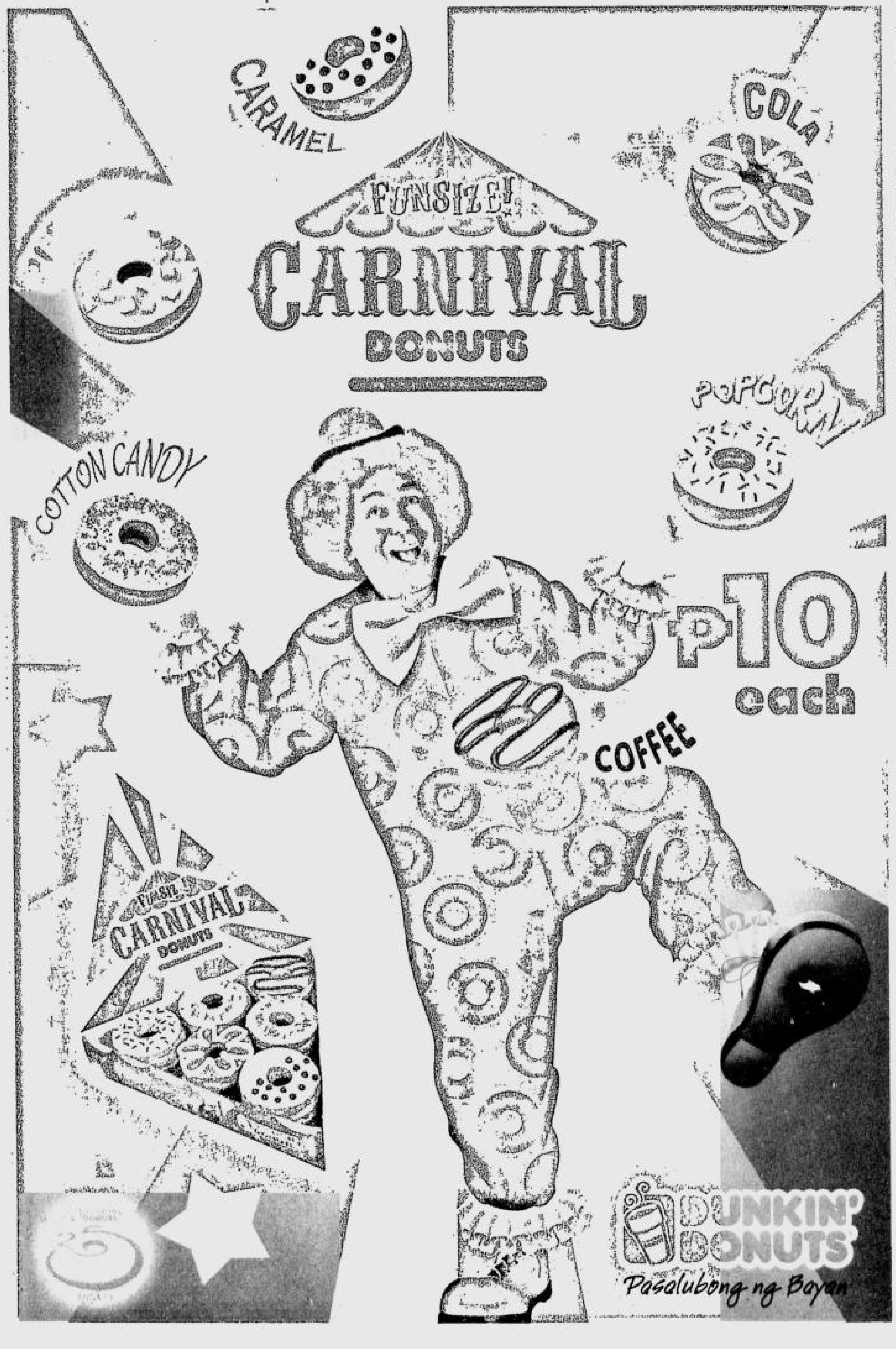

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BARCELONA "tourists," from left: Pokwang, Luis Manzano, John Prats, Michelle Madrigal, Toni Gonzaga

She's not exactly torn between 2 heartthrobs

By Bayani San Diego Jr.

SOME GIRLS HAVE ALL THE luck.

In the last few weeks, Toni Gonzaga has had to shuttle between two cities, Tondo and Barcelona, to work on two ABS-CBN projects.

As bonus, two hunks wait for her on the two sets—Sam Milby for the movie "You are the One" and Luis Manzano for the drama-comedy TV series "Crazy for You."

As if this was not enough to make other girls turn green, Toni insists she has no time for boys, that she'd rather focus on her career and family.

Is she snobbing these heartthrobs?

"I'm not," she tells INQUIRER Entertainment. "In fact, I'm so *kilig* (thrilled) around them."

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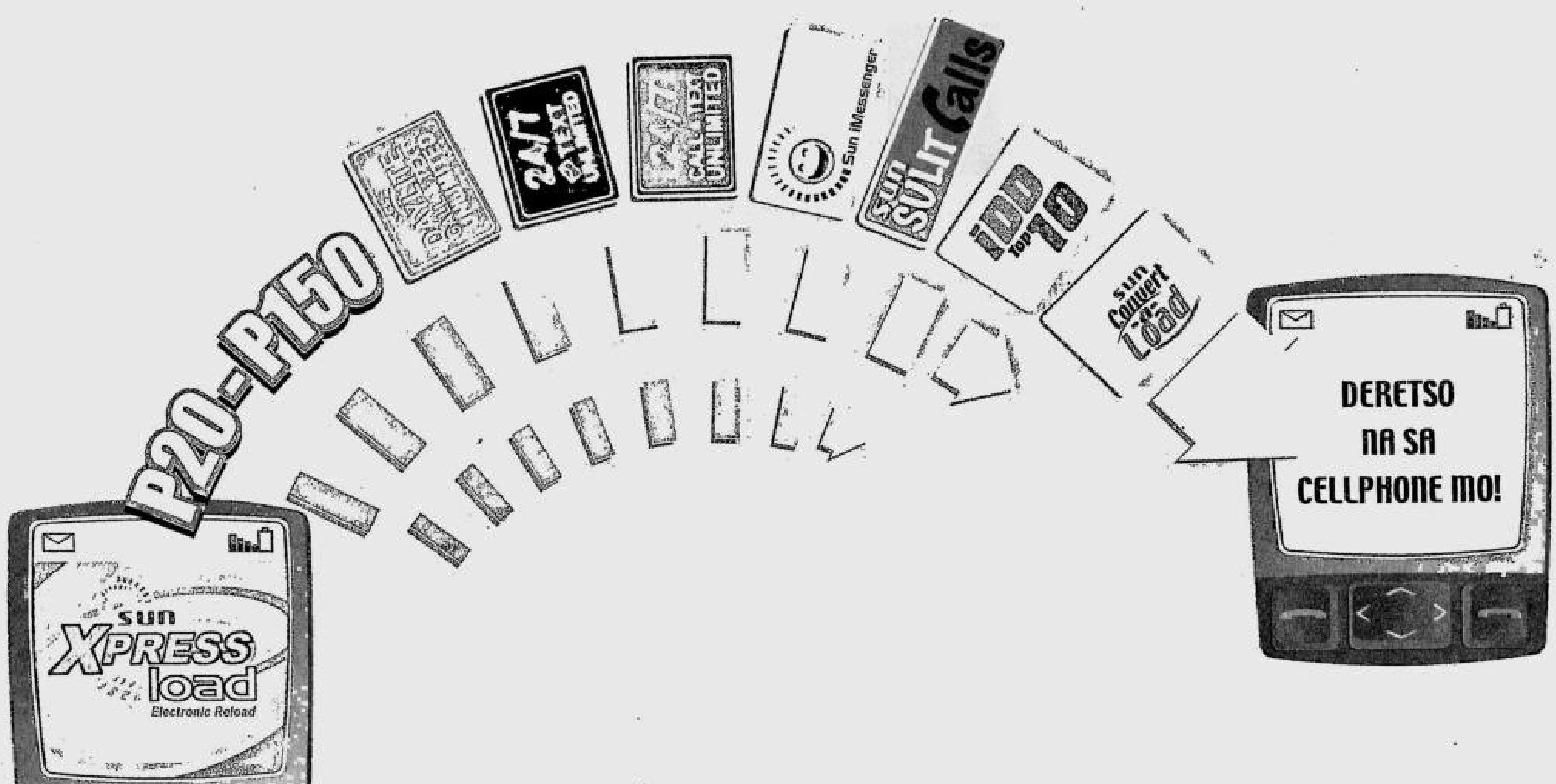

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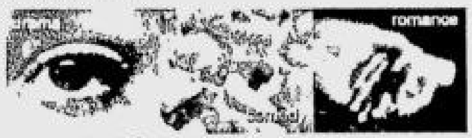

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'Survivor'

NEW YORK—A GROUP OF NEW city officials blasted CBS and its h "Survivor" after the network ann that the teams on the new season o ality show will be divided by race.

Saying that the setup will prom siveness, the officials called on CB consider its plans.

"The idea of having a battle of th is preposterous," City Councilma Liu said Thursday. "How could any so desperate for ratings?"

TONI and Sam Milby on "You Are

She's not exactly torn between . . .

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most endearing quality. "It's like he's always eager to learn more about our country and culture. I end up acting like a teacher or tour guide around him."

When they had to shoot in Tondo for the movie, she assumed Am-boy Sam would get shocked.

"It was hot, crowded and chaotic, but he wasn't affected at all," Toni recounts. "I guess he was well-prepared before going to the place."

She explains that doing the movie allowed the two of them to get "to know each other."

"We discovered each other's quirks and traits. I got to observe how he works. I realized that Sam's very focused and professional, but he can also be *makulit* and *madaldal* (fun and talkative). And he's nice to everyone."

Pal for Luis

In contrast, she didn't have to go through the same process of discovery with Luis.

"He's been a friend for three years, so there's nothing new to discover really," Toni points out.

Shooting in Barcelona, Spain, for over 20 days was a blast, she recalls. "It was exciting and overwhelming because it was my first time in Europe. The entire cast and crew were fun to travel with."

She admits that Luis courted her over a year ago. "It was kinda confusing because there were times when it seemed he was courting me, but there were times when it seemed he wasn't."

She hastens to add that she prefers it that way.

"From the start, I told him that I didn't like being courted ... because, in the courtship stage, you're always putting your best foot forward and not showing your true self. I also told Sam that."

No pressure

What is it like being torn between two gorgeous guys?

"We don't want to put pressure on ourselves. We just enjoy our time together," she says.

No, she didn't call Sam in Manila while she was in Spain.

"Too expensive," she quips. The girl would much rather shop.

"We didn't have time to go malling because we were always working, but I bought shirts for my dad because we had a taping near Celio and Springfield shops. For my mom, I got a DKNY watch at the airport," she says.

As for Sam and Luis?

She jests: "A compass [for each]. So that they won't lose their way."

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draws flak—and buzz—for 'racist' season

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For the first portion of the 13th season of "Survivor," which premieres Sept. 14, the contestants competing for the $1 million prize while stranded on the Cook Islands in the South Pacific will be divided into four teams — blacks, Asians, Latinos and whites.

Liu, who is Asian-American, said he was launching a campaign urging CBS to pull the show because it could encourage racial division and promote negative typecasts. He and a coalition of officials, including the council's black, Latino and Asian caucus, planned to rally at City Hall on Friday.

In a statement, CBS Entertainment, which is part of New York-based CBS Corp., defended the ethnic twist, saying it follows the show's tradition of introducing new creative elements and casting structures that reflect cultural and social issues.

Major publicity

And all that fuss scored a major publicity success weeks before the season's first episode airs.

"I think at first glance when you just hear the idea, it could sound like a stunt," the show's host, Jeff Probst, said on a CBS morning news show. "But that's not what we're doing here. We've always had a low number of minority applicants ...

so we set out and said, 'Let's turn this criticism into creative for the show.'" Besides, he added, it fit Survivor's mission of being a "social experiment." *AP, Reuters*

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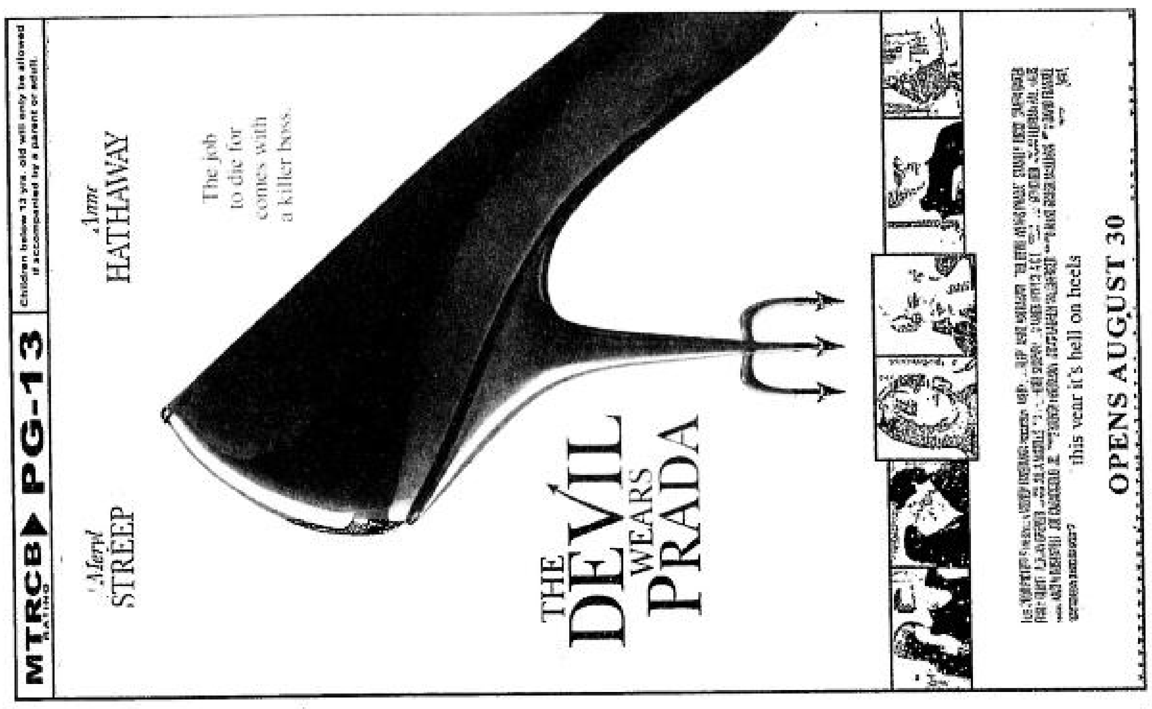

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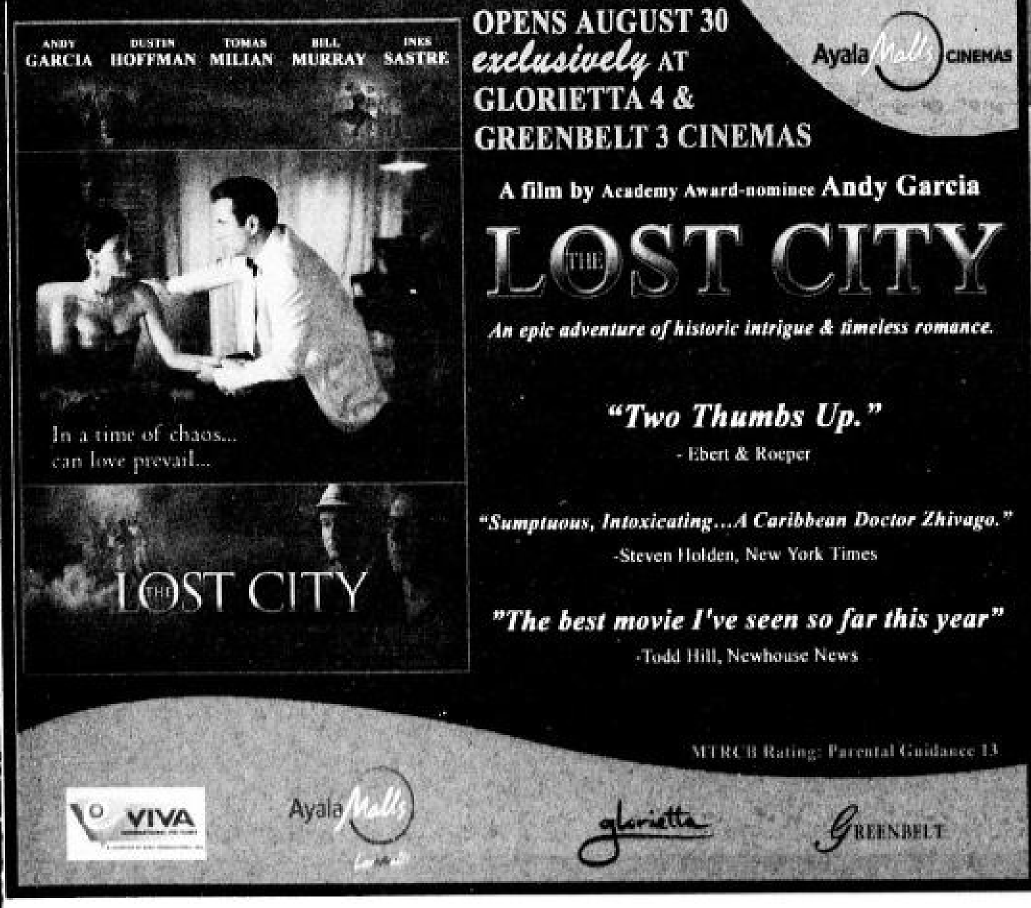

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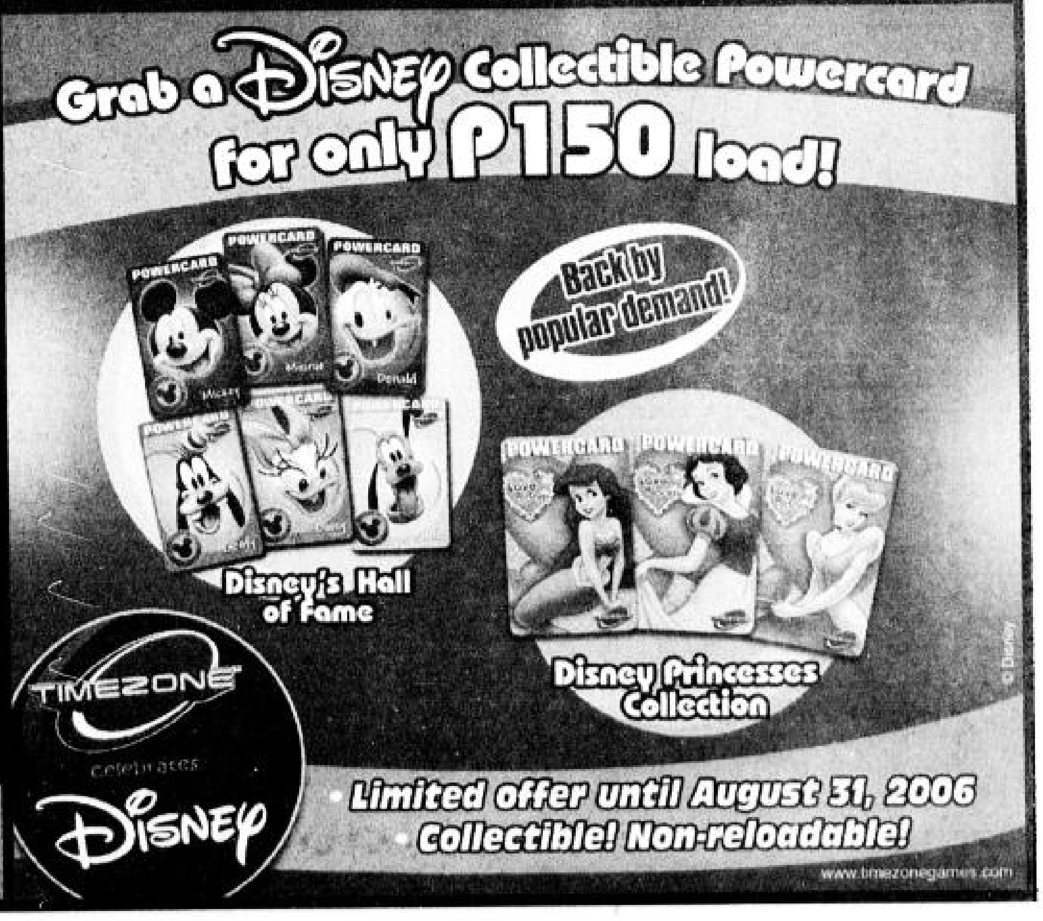

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Hollywood may start rethinking star system

TOM Cruise

LOS ANGELES—AFTER ONE OF HOLlywood's most powerful men publicly scolded actor Tom Cruise, the film capital began to think cost-conscious studios may finally be fed up with giving stars the star treatment.

But some industry insiders believe Viacom Inc. chair Sumner Redstone's rebuke of Cruise was more a sign that a great money-making career was on the wane.

In few other places on Earth are stars pampered the way they are in Hollywood. Jewelers loan them diamonds, developers give them houses, and studios cater to their every whim.

Few actors besides Cruise have been held in such high regard in Hollywood. But his last film, "Mission: Impossible III," while raking in close to $400 million worldwide, did not do as well as expected.

Redstone said a key reason Viacom's film studio, Paramount Pictures, did not renew its deal with the actor was his off-screen behavior. Redstone told the Wall Street Journal: "He's a terrific actor. But we don't think someone who effectuates creative suicide and costs the company revenue should be on the lot."

To some, Redstone's comments signal a major change.

Less intimidated

"There is a palpable change in climate," one source at a major talent agency said. "Stars' demands have gotten so over-the-top, and the studios, because they're part of publicly traded companies, have to maintain quarterly results. I do think they are less intimidated by the stars [now]."

Producer Jerry Bruckheimer, whose credits include the Disney blockbuster "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest," agreed that the demand for talent had become a buyer's market.

"The studios are certainly being much more conscious of the bottom line, tightening the screws," he said.

Nevertheless, the biggest stars, like Cruise and Tom Hanks, remain in demand, Bruckheimer said.

"If you want Hanks for a picture, you either pay his price, or you go to somebody else," he said, adding that mid-level performers are the ones who get squeezed. *Arthur Spiegelman, Reuters*

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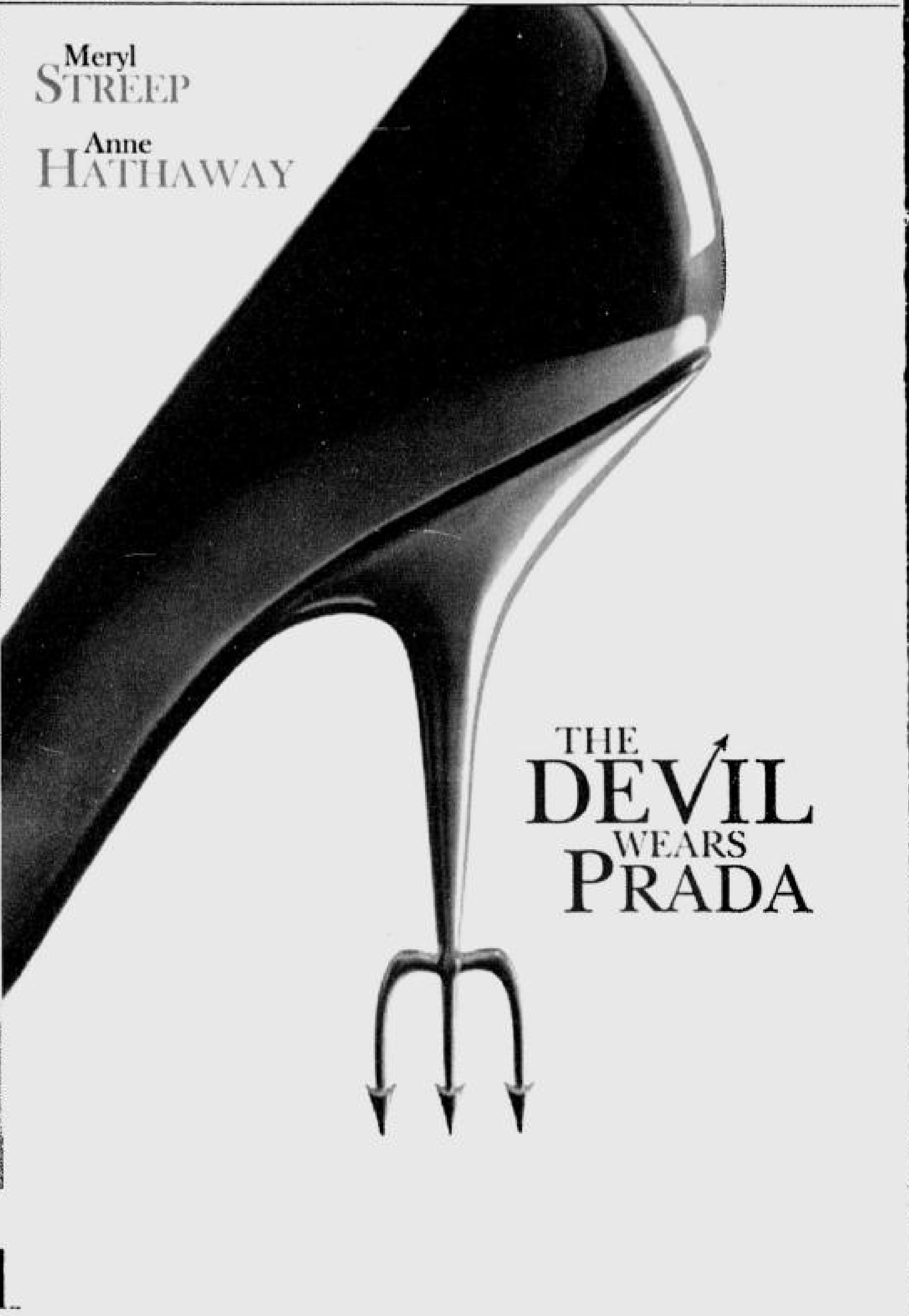

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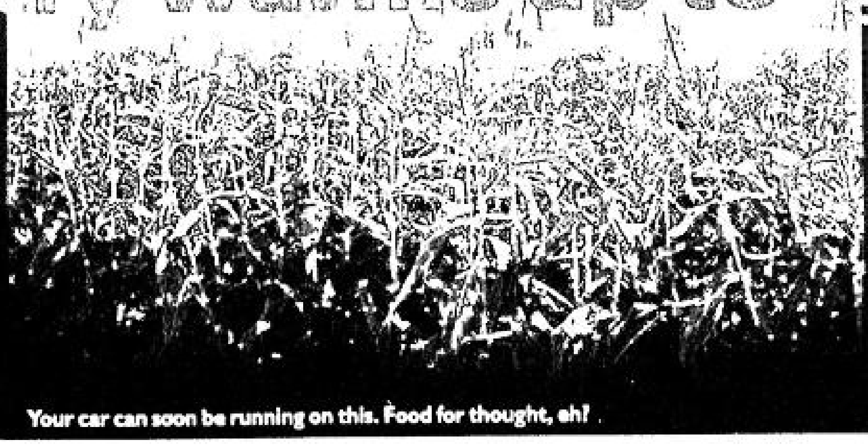
FROM OILFIELD TO CORNFIELD:

Auto industry warms up to 'green' fuels



Your car can soon be running on this. Food for thought, eh?

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AS PRICES FOR CRUDE OIL AND GASOLINE SOAR, consumers are pushed ever closer to use more "green" fuels produced from renewable sources such as sugar, corn and soybeans.

Brazil is a leading producer and exporter of ethanol, derived from its huge sugar cane crop. It already blends its domestic gasoline with up to 25-percent ethanol.

Ethyl alcohol is on its way to becoming a mainstream world commodity. Also gaining force as an alternative fuel is biodiesel, a fuel made from vegetable oils like soybean oil or animal fats.

The US ethanol production is corn-based. Corn is harder to grow than sugar, and corn starch is less efficiently fermentable than sugar carbohydrates.

Despite its possible economic and environmental advantages over fossil fuel, ethanol faces hurdles to widespread use, including high costs, limited land and water availability and mixed government and corporate support.

Campi lauds study of biofuels

Meanwhile, here in the Philippines, the Chamber of Automotive Manufacturers of the Philippines Inc (Campi), during a recent press conference, has stated that it fully encourages and commends the plan of the International Finance Corp (IFC) to fund a deeper study on the potentials of renewable energy and biofuels in the Philippines.

"Campi believes that the study will contribute to a better understanding of the opportunities of sustained biofuel use and supply in the country," the statement added.

Campi reiterated its support for the government's Alternative Fuels Program and suggested that "we learn from the experience from countries that already have a similar program in place". Elizabeth Lee, Campi president, says that "benchmarking and taking into account best practices of other countries would help shorten the learning curve for our own domestic program."

In view of the current initiatives both in the legislative and executive branches of government and the heightened interest of the public on biofuels, Campi believes that the IFC-funded study is "very timely and relevant". Campi noted that the objectives of this study, which are to "examine the present and potential sources of feedstock, available technology, infrastructure and regulation" and "look at international best practices and key success factors in countries that have shifted some of their energy needs to alternative sources", are in line with the recommendations of the automobile manufacturers.

The automotive group also suggested a study be made on creating a balance between supply and demand for biofuels that will result in real economic benefit for all stakeholders to include price benefit to consumers, benefits to the farmers, and real economic benefits to the country.

Campi reiterated its support to the objectives of the government in its Alternative Fuels Program that generally aims to reduce dependence on imported fuels with due regard to the protection of public health and the environment, and create a substantial economic growth that would expand opportunities for livelihood and increase rural employment and income. "If the program is implemented well", it stressed, "all stakeholders would benefit to include not only the industries connected with the production of biofuels but other related industries, the farmers and the consumers as well, assuming that an ideal economic benefit is realized."

With a report from Reuters

Edsa Auto Exchange: The ultimate used car superstore

EVER WONDERED WHY ORDINARY USED car salesmen are known to be mere sweet-talkers and untrustworthy individuals? It's because after every transaction, the ordinary used car salesman turns his back on the customer and never associates himself with the latter again-unless the latter plans to buy another used car from him.

Now here's an extraordinary team of used car salesmen who dreamt of giving quality pre-owned cars at a competitive cost without leaving the customer short-changed after the sale. Meet the extraordinary Edsa Auto Exchange (EAX) - The first and only ultimate used car superstore that offers warranty and after-sales services by car experts highly trained under Japanese automotive standards. Led by EVP and general manager Ferdinand "Bong" Del Rosario, these pro and master technicians from Toyota Otis and Toyota Balintawak (Main and North) conduct a regular 32-point check up on each car in their 5-star service workshops to keep each one in top form and condition.

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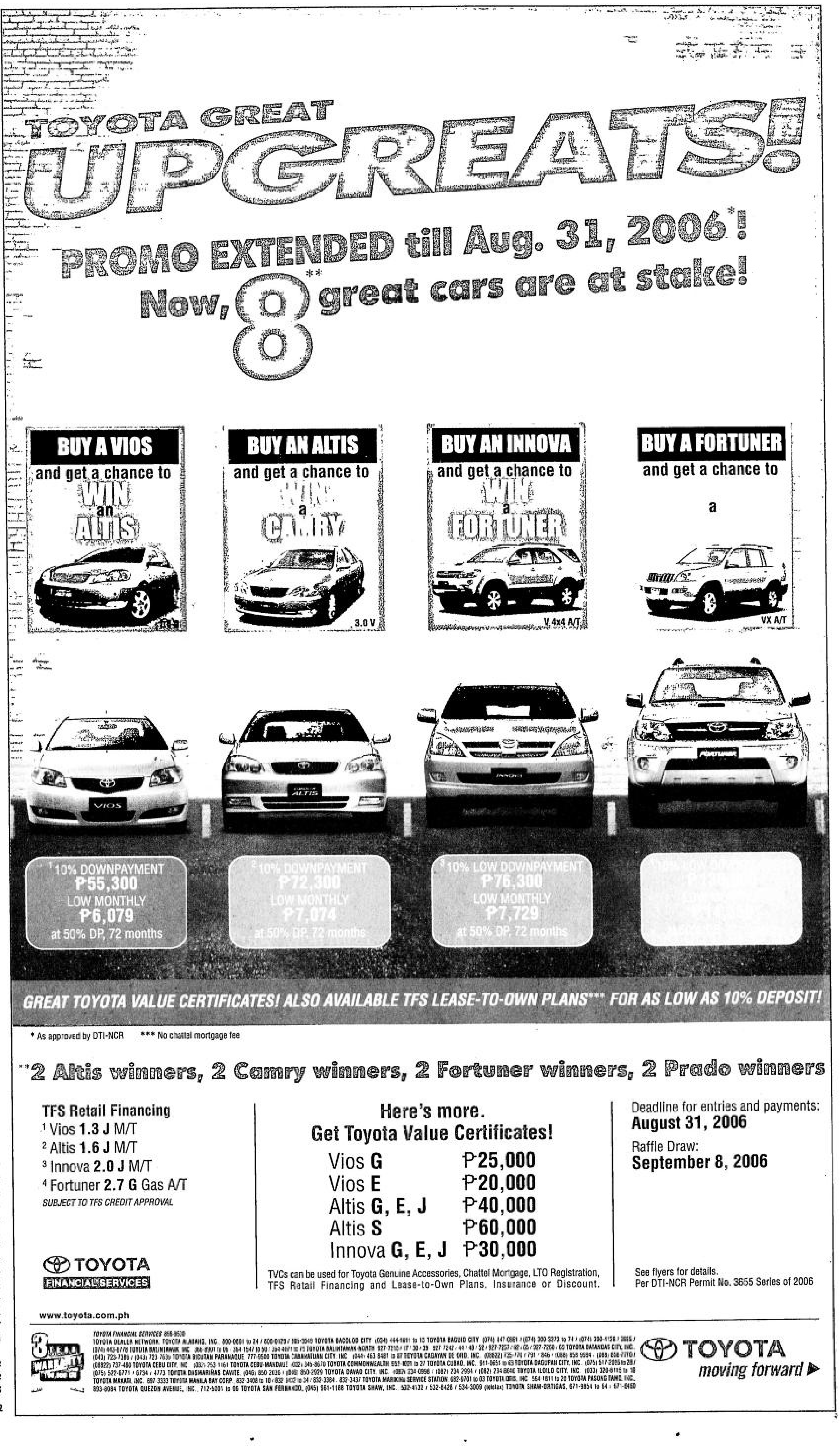

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in spaces with tent-like covers for protection, EAX cars are housed in a solid structure whose architecture is specially designed to shelter, protect and maintain the cars under its close supervision and care. Entering the establishment, one may even wonder if it really is a used car dealership or a brand new car dealership! From left to right, a customer feels he or she is well taken care of - from a fully air-conditioned customer's lounge, a friendly and accommodating team that answers questions accurately and addresses the customer's needs efficiently, personalized offers such as the Special Kababayan Rates for OFWs and one-on-one sessions with each customer who plans to avail him or herself of insurance and financing services, to its unique positioning as the only pre-owned cars specialist that offers warranty and after-sales services to the sigurista Filipino buyer.

Offering services such as vehicle warranty, free periodic maintenance labor, free change oil for the first 5,000-km check-up, free towing within Metro Manila, undercoating discount and body works and painting discounts, EAX gives you extraordinary benefits you cannot get from any other used car dealership. Being more customer-oriented than profit-centered, EAX ensures every customer is pampered and happy - from the moment they enter the superstore until they leave.

Service with true dedication and real passion from start to finish, and beyond-this is the mantra of a young company determined to make a mark in the industry. By providing the best pre-owned cars and services to a diverse set of clients, EAX seeks to build a solid reputation as a leader in the used car industry as "the dealership where clients come back to and come home from satisfied again and again and again."

As they say at EAX, "At the end of the day, we at Edsa Auto Exchange give you not only the best pre-owned vehicles, we give you peace of mind."

EAX is located at 199 Edsa-Ortigas (Southbound, right before SEC). Celebrate your passion for cars in their utmost diversity - without the worries! You can also log on to www.eaxcars.com and discover how you can own a quality pre-owned car today, or call 727-1397, 726-1205 or 0922-8331441.

JUST ON ITS FIRST YEAR OF catering to all Volvo owners, Habrec Enterprises was able to establish itself as the only alternative for the Volvo brand. Operated and managed by Wendell Habaluyas, a Volvo enthusiast himself, he believes that the Swedish brand always had a following in the Philippines but present owners and prospecting clients are cautious due to the absence of independent Volvo parts and servicing providers.

"Habrec Enterprises was established to be a full service company that will cater to all Volvo owners; offering everything from aftermarket maintenance parts to specialized tuning and services-topped by ultimate customer satisfaction," states Habaluyas.

With its utmost dedication to the Swedish brand, Habrec is also the local distributor for Heico Sportiv, the world's foremost authority for high-performance Volvo. Heico's line of performance parts and products range from alloy wheels; engine ECU upgrades; sport exhaust systems; high-flow air filters; aerodynamic enhancers and much more.

Shown is an award-winning 400 bhp Volvo 850 Wagon customized and tweaked by Habrec. "Despite the power at the wheels, the car is still a daily driven car complete with all the luxury Volvos are known for," says Habaluyas.

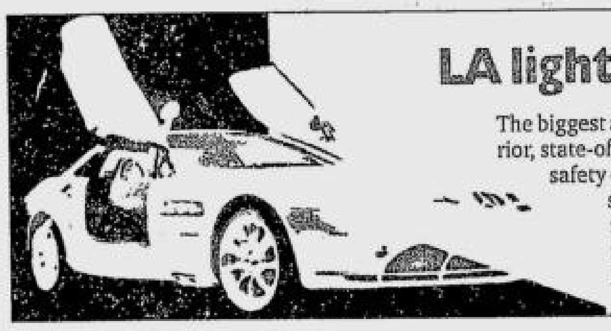
For inquiries on how to transform your Volvo into a visual candy on the road, visit Habrec Enterprises at 138 N. Domingo Avenue, Cubao, Quezon City, or call (0922) 8-HABREC, 724-6640/410-2997, or e-mail habrec@gmail.com.

Mugen Civic

THE COUNTRY'S KING OF AUTOMOTIVE aero kit raises the bar of good looks and performance with a Mugen inspired wraparound kit for the 2006 Honda Civic. Dubbed as the "Dominator" look, the special body kit features a more aggressive and aerodynamic front end with a carbon fiber look grille with Mugen badge, a fog light system and chin upgrades. The wheel arches are also more pronounced, giving the Civic a much wider stance. The rear end has also been modified with an adjustable spoiler, a custom twin exhaust system by Fremuff and a rear bumper designed to increase the flow of air for added stability. "When I saw the Mugen Civic in Japan early this year, I fell in love with it. It took me three months to develop this body kit for it to fit perfectly to the new Civic," states Atoy Llave of A-Toy Paint and Body Kits.

Owned by Paul Jordan Tiquia, the silver "Dominator" look seen here is the first of its kind aero kit in the Philippines. A-Toy also revealed that the body kits are lightweight and flexible. "It is guaranteed to enhance the appeal and overall performance of your Civic," adds Atoy.

The "Dominator" Civic also sports extreme illumination courtesy of Xenon Bulbs and a Nitto tire package from Concept One. For details, call 411-5858 or visit A-Toy's paint and body kits shop at West Avenue, Quezon City or log on to www.a-toybodykits.com, e-mail sales@a-toybodykits.com.



LA lights up your nights with supreme headlights

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Frontier's 'Think Long Haul' all about perseverance

WHEN FACED WITH SEEMINGly insurmountable situations, it is the person with vision who pulls through. It is the one whose focus never wavers; the one who looks beyond the moment, beyond the next hill.

To help people develop that vision, Universal Motors Corp (UMC), manufacturer/assembler of the legendary Nissan Frontier pickup, launched a program that calls on Filipinos to "Think Long Haul."

The Nissan Frontier Long Haul series seeks to give encouragement to Filipinos to overcome any difficulty one faces and become better citizens of the republic.

"Think Long Haul" is a rallying cry. It is UMC's message to everyone that we, as a country, can and will overcome any challenge that comes our way if we will base our decisions and actions on the positive outcome we want in the future. To endure, one must think "long haul" vs short-term decisions that yield short-term gains.

UMC believes that it is a philosophy that is most relevant at this time. Confronted with a struggling economy, the rising prices of commodities and crises large and small, Filipinos are called upon to display uncanny resilience during the course of their daily lives. It is a call to be more careful with the choices we make, to look beyond the moment and to view the value of things in the long term.

"Long Haul" thinking is what has allowed successful people and companies to endure. It is a mindset whose relevance becomes much greater when seen in light of difficulties whether as an individual or as a nation. It is forsaking the short-term gain for the lasting reward.

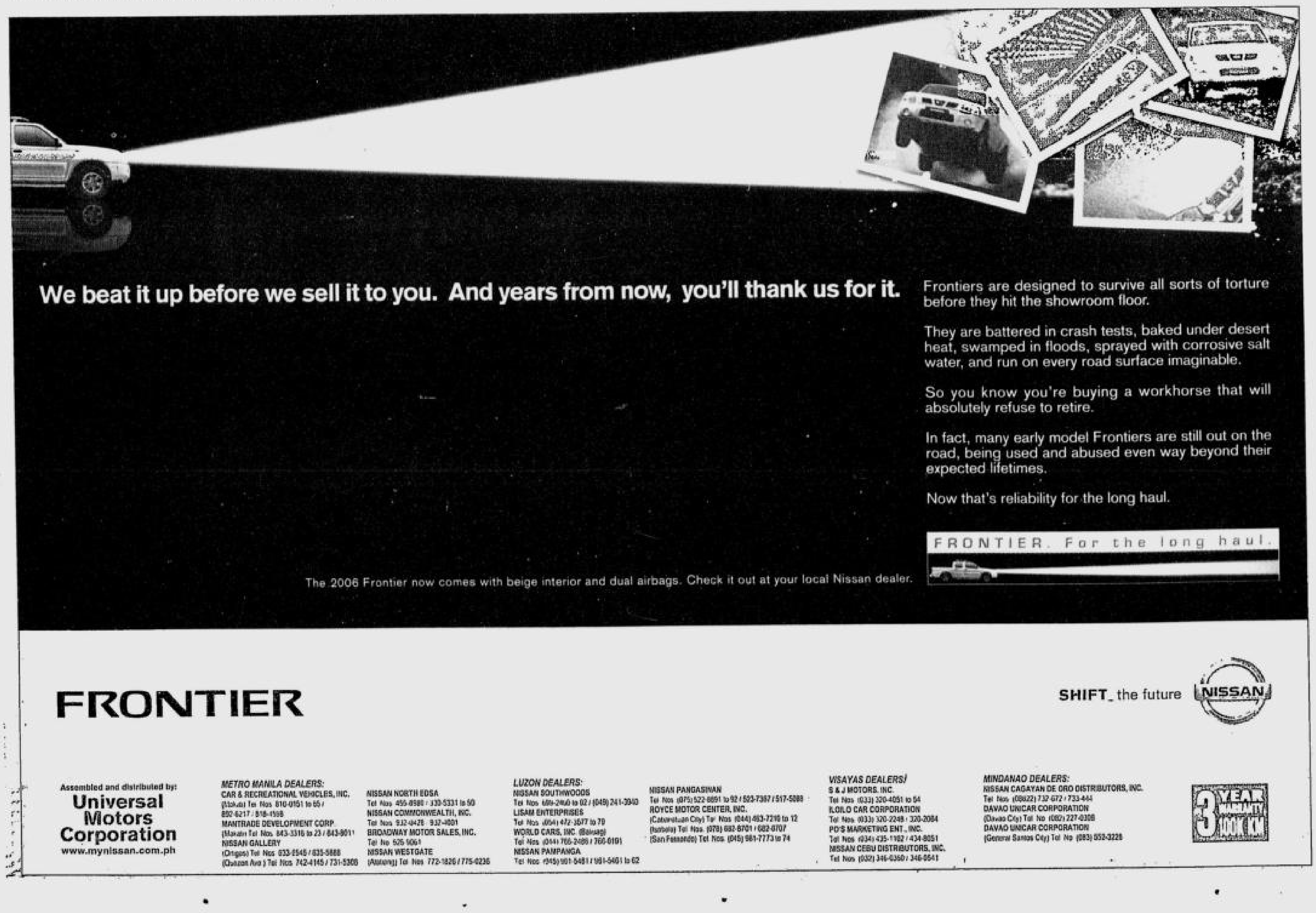
Nowhere is UMC's "Long Haul" thinking more evident than in its long-standing champion of reliability, the Nissan Frontier. It is built to withstand the test of all tests-time. The Frontier embodies the spirit of the "Long Haul". It has that never-say-die quality that UMC is hoping to spur in everyone with this new program.

Its excellent engineering has helped make the Frontier the kind of investment that will hold its value through the years. So it comes as no surprise that companies depreciate them over a much longer period than other vehicles.

For reliability and durability, Nissan pickups were tested to the absolute limits-subjecting it to a 4-wheel-drive validity test, frame and suspension trials and salt-water corrosion test.

Nissan takes pride of the pickup's safety, comfort and performance to perfection. They allow it to cross streams, to climb roads at 25-degree slopes, to experience extreme cornering acceleration and to run on every road surface imaginable-the most famous of which is the Dakkar Rally that starts in Lisbon. The race tests both man and machine over 10,000 km of rough terrain and desert to Dakar, capital of Senegal, the westernmost country of the African continent. The Frontier is also equipped with dual SRS airbag and patented safety Zonebody that adds protection during frontal collision.

The Nissan Frontier is assembled and distributed by Universal Motors Corp, and is available in 4x4 and 4x2 models, manual and automatic transmission. The 2006 Frontier now comes with beige interiors and dual airbags. Check it out at your local Nissan dealer.



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Roadshow spreads word on alternative fuel for cleaner air

A MINI-CARAVAN FOR CLEAN air was recently staged by a multi-sector group, featuring a demonstration on how coco-biodiesel eliminates the problem of smoke belching and saves money for motorists.

Amidst ongoing discussions on the benefits of alternative fuels in line with the country's move towards energy independence, another factor that should be considered is the environmental aspect of its use. Alternative fuels, when added to diesel or gasoline, have been proven to be friendlier to air. In fact, a vehicle that uses coco-biodiesel, or coconut methyl ester (CME) could effectively reduce carbon dioxide emissions while increasing its mileage run for every liter of fuel.

The road show, which ran for a week in May, covered the provinces of Cavite (Trece Martires), Batangas (Lipa), Laguna (San Pablo), Quezon (Infanta), Rizal (Antipolo City) and Bulacan (Malolos). The roadshow was capped by a closing event in San Fernando, Pampanga. It was jointly organized by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Philippine Biodiesel Association, the United States Agency for International Development's (USAid) Energy and Clean Air Project (Ecap) and Vic Milan of Kalikasan Vigilante. Milan, an advocate of alternative fuel, developed the Clean Air Caravan's concept, encouraged by his personal experience of having made the longest single test in using the additive for over a distance of more than 4,000 km, achieving an extra mileage record of 29 percent.

The Clean Air Caravan's highlight was a demonstration on the benefits of using biodiesel, in cooperation with Chemrez Inc, the first and largest producer of coco-biodiesel in Asia. For each stop, emission levels of randomly selected vehicles in the localities were tested to provide a baseline data for comparison. The fuels of these vehicles were then mixed with a coco-biodiesel additive manufactured by Chemrez Inc. The same vehicles were subjected to emission tests again, 30 minutes after the biodiesel additive was introduced into the fuel. The results showed marked difference in the emission levels of the vehicles before and after the use of coco-biodiesel. Jeepneys whose emission levels were above 8 (the standard emission level for diesel-fed vehicles is 2.5) that were loaded with coco-biodiesel were tested with opacimeter readings of below 2 after idling the engines with the additive for just 30 minutes.

The caravan also featured talks on the benefits of using biodiesel. Public health specialists Belinda B. Villasencio and Helen Calong of the Lung Center of the Philippines discussed the ill effects of air pollution from mobile sources.

In emphasizing the value of the transport sector's role in the national campaign for cleaner air, Ecap chief of party Renato Goco said, "Ecap believes that the transport sector and their families have the biggest stake in the fight against the threat of air pollution. Their compliance with clean air standards and efforts to use environment-friendly fuel are investments for their families' future. It will pave the way for a healthier life and ensure economic security."

Ecap's participation in this campaign is part of the project's call to action for various sectors in the community to recognize their roles and stakes in the issue. "We need to realize that to improve quality in the country, we have to take responsibility. In the drive for cleaner air, everyone has a role," said Goco.

Hyundai Mobility Program helps drivers with special physical needs

HYUNDAI MOTOR AMERICA RECENTLY announced the launch of an initiative to support vehicle owners with special physical needs. Through the new Mobility Program, customers will be reimbursed up to $1,000 for new adaptive equipment installed in any new Hyundai vehicle leased or purchased through an authorized dealership.

"Hyundai is committed to offering all consumers access to the most sophisticated vehicle safety technologies. For example, we package Electronic Stability Control on more than 70 percent of the vehicles we sell, and Hyundai models consistently receive high marks for crashworthiness," said John Krafcik, vice president of product development and strategic planning, Hyundai Motor America. "This assistance program will make it easier for drivers with special needs to purchase vehicles with the right combination of convenience, comfort and safety."

According to research conducted by Louisiana Tech University, minivans and sedans make up the majority - 55.4 percent - of modified vehicles for the disabled. The most common modifications made by those with special physical needs include the use of lifts and lowered floors, as well as special steering and braking controls.

Hyundai vehicles feature unsurpassed standard safety technologies, outstanding cargo capacity and comfortable, ergonomic interior space making them well suited for drivers with special physical needs.

To qualify for the Hyundai Mobility Program, customers must have the adaptive equipment installed within six months of the Hyundai vehicle purchase or lease, and submit the claim form within 60 days of the completed installation. Qualifying adaptive equipment or conversion is defined as any aftermarket alteration or equipment installation that provides the user convenient access and/or the ability to drive the vehicle.

Getz a 'splashing good deal' from Hari

HYUNDAI ASIA RESOURCES INC (HARI), THE EXclusive distributor of Hyundai vehicles in the country, adds more drizzles of fun to the rainy season with the "Splashing Good Deal" promo that makes it easier for you to own the cool Euro chic Hyundai Getz 1.5 CRDi GL from now until Aug. 31.

Qualified buyers can acquire the well-loved Hyundai Getz with no sweat through any of these four options: First, a 0-percent interest on 12 and 18-month installment plans; second, a low 15-percent down payment on a 72-month installment scheme; third, monthly payments of as low as P5,956 for those putting in a 50-percent down payment on 72-month installment plan; and fourth, cash buyers will be given an instant splash of P30,000 discount. And for those not availing themselves of the financing options, Hari showers you with an accessory package including alloy wheels and 7-inch in-dash monitor with DVD player.

The Hyundai Getz 1.5 comes in manual transmission and is equipped with the Common Rail Direct Injection diesel engine with Turbo Intercooler and Variable Geometry Turbocharger that allows you to have optimum power and fuel efficiency at the same time. It is perfect for driving around the streets of the metro but can also put up with the toughest challenges of the road as it conquered the Cordillera Mountains during Hyundai's most-talked about test drive, the "Hyundai Dares: the Cordillera Challenge". Inside its stylish modern face is a spacious cabin that can accommodate five passengers or can hold more cargo space with its Space Wizard feature. Plus, its other features like power windows, power door locks, power side mirrors and CD/MP3-ready audio system, you can drive in much convenience and comfort.

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Sinski Motorcycles: Your best alternative motoring partner

FILIPINOS ARE AFFECTED BY economic changes attributed mainly to two factors: peso devaluation and high fuel cost. The woes of every commuter are compounded by the heavy volume of traffic on almost all thoroughfares day in and day out. Most car owners also suffer the same fate: battling delays, wasting fuel while at a standstill and enduring traffic congestion. These sufferings have an alternative solution. It's easy on the pocket, you realize fuel cost savings, and experience absolutely no time delays in work and other appointments.

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Sinski Philippines, which started operations in 2001, is a joint venture between the Philippines and Sinski China. Sinski Philippines adheres and implements the best Japanese standards in the production line.

Sinski motorcycles responds to the requirements of every rider, from 250cc big bikes to 50cc scooters. Some models are already famous, the likes of "Bigboy 150" and "Cute 70" for the scooter category, the "Navigator 150" and "Vulcan 250" for the big bikes category, the "Maton 150" for the multipurpose (tricycle) category, and the underbone class, such as the "RMX 125" and the "Vivamas 110." All of these motorcycle units are recommended to suit your style and are available through Sinski's vast network of accredited dealers nationwide.

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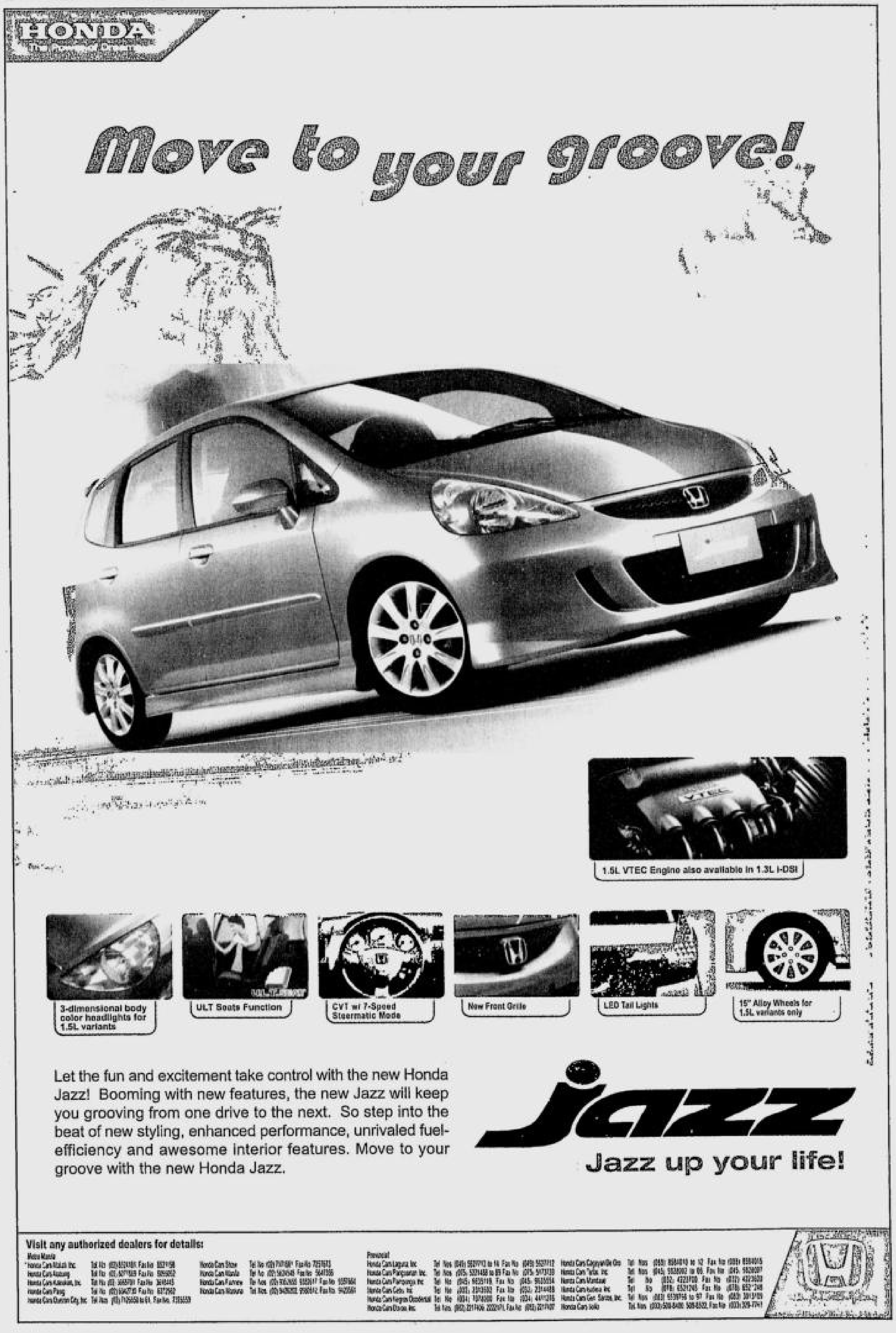
Norkis Group of Companies, owner of the Legacy First, Privacy, Maverick, Multicab, Yamaha and Golden Aire aircon, recently inked an MOA with Swara Sug Media Corp about their exchange deal July 10 at the Norkis Boni Mandaluyong Showroom. Norkis will let Swara Sug use a Legacy First Double Cab unit for 3 months. Swara Sug will give Norkis products media mileage for 3 months. Shown seated, from left, are: Ricardo Alano, Legacy First (Luzon) managing head, Manny Canilao, Maverick (Luzon) managing head, Jojo Pablo, Swara Sug general manager for radio, and Paolo Calzo, Swara Sug sales/marketing manager. Standing, from left, are: Jojo Mohamadtaha, Swara Sug marketing officer, Ram Udtohan, Multicab (Luzon) managing head and Edison Pangilinan, Swara Sug technical assistant.



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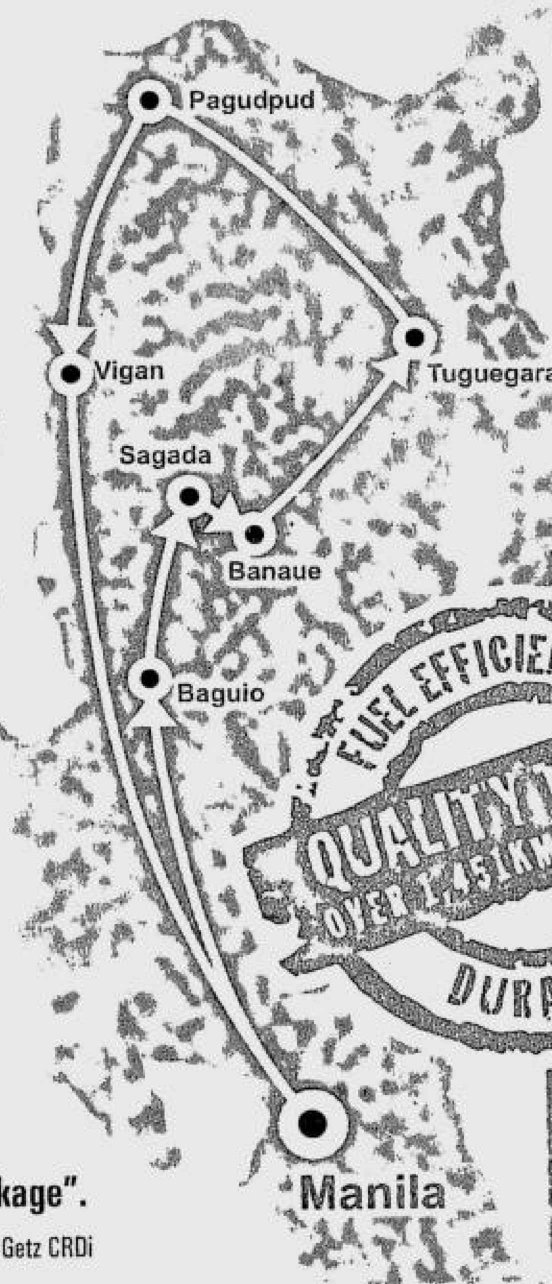
In the various test-drives conducted early this year, Hyundai has consistently proven its impressive kilometer per liter ratings such as the Accent's 38.07km/li*, the Getz's 19.19km/li* and the Matrix's 25.1km/li*. These value-per-kilometer feats attest to the fuel efficiency of the CRDi technology, a diesel engine breakthrough that powers the latest Hyundai line-up of passenger and commercial vehicles.

The next challenge was to demonstrate Hyundai's undeniable traits of power, torque, speed, versatility, maneuverability, handling and durability.

1451 KILOMETERS IN 4 GRUELING DAYS SPANNING EXTREMES IN ROAD CONDITIONS.

From flat roads to the rugged, winding, uphill and downhill terrains, The Getz, Matrix, Starex, Tucson and the Accent were proven resilient, responsive and sturdy under pressure.

Coming from the backbreaking and demanding test run, Hyundai vehicle handlers and passengers had these to say of their overall driving and riding experience:



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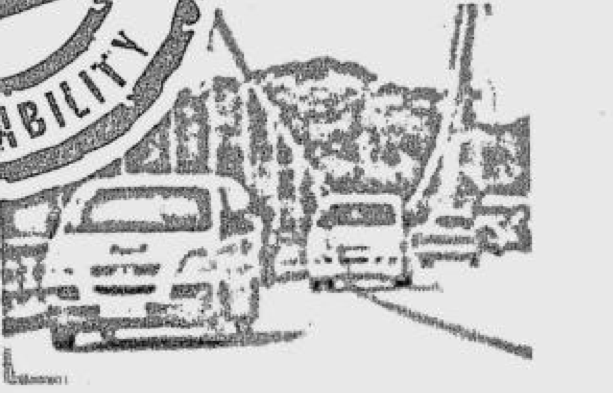


"Amazing power and thrift in a compact package".

Vince Pornelos of C! Magazine on the Hyundai Getz CRDi

"I can't imagine that such a great thing would come in a small package. I think it can be best summed up (in relation to the movie)... You're living in a Matrix, but now you're driving in one".

Ronald Rey delos Reyes of AutoReview on Matrix CRDi

"Powerful acceleration especially when overtaking".

Art Guevarra of Phil-Am Savings Bank on Hyundai Accent CRDi

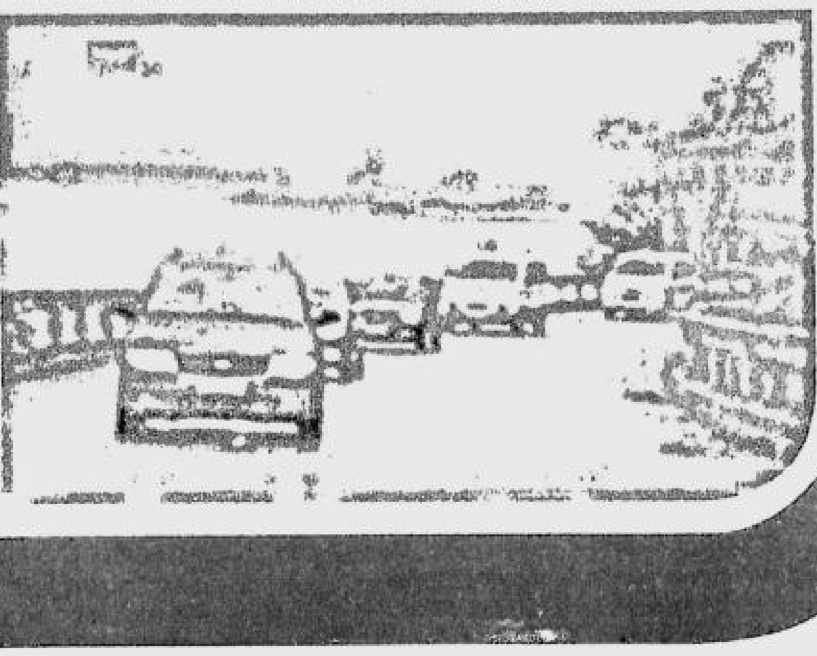
"Smooth ang drive and it's really made for long drives".

Bebot Reyes of Automobiles Association of the Philippines (AAP) on Tucson 4WD CRDi

"A dream ride for all mankind".

Francis Chi of Aw2spec.com on Starex GRX CRDi

Globally, Hyundai has been recognized by the J.D. Power & Associates as the 3rd highest nameplate among automotive brands in its 2006 Initial Quality Study, a survey measuring customer satisfaction towards a particular product or service. In the same study, the compact SUV entry, the Hyundai Tucson, won the Highest Ranked Compact Multi-Activity Vehicle award.



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